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BATMAN

Featuring
**"The
MYSTERY
of the SKY
MUSEUM!"**

ROBIN--
BEING CARRIED
AWAY BY THAT
BALLOON! AND
I'M TOO LATE
TO STOP IT!





ONE NIGHT, AS **BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER**, RETURN TO GOTHAM CITY FROM AN OUT-OF-TOWN MISSION...

THE BAT-SIGNAL--
WONDER IF THAT
JEWEL-ROBBERY
RING IS AT IT
AGAIN?

LOOKS AS IF WE GOT
BACK JUST IN TIME!

POLICE COMMISSIONER GORDON HAS A SHATTERING SURPRISE FOR THE DYNAMIC DUO!

ANOTHER
MYSTERY?

YES-- AND THIS TIME IT
OCCURRED RIGHT HERE!



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BATMAN



"... A LITTLE BEFORE, A FATEFUL EVENT HAD OCCURRED..."

WE'LL ARREST MARSTIN AT ONCE! THIS TIME WE'VE GOT HIM!

YES, WE'RE SURE JOHN MARSTIN IS THE REAL HEAD OF THAT JEWEL-ROBBERY RING, BUT WE HAVE NO PROOF!

WE HAVE NOW! THIS IS A DEATHBED CONFESSION SIGNED BY ONE OF MARSTIN'S FORMER ACCOMPLICES!



BUT WHEN I WENT BACK TO MY DESK, THE DOCUMENT WAS GONE! AND SO WAS THE WINDOW-WASHER WORKING OUTSIDE! WE FOUND HIS FIRM HIRED HIM THROUGH THE MARSTIN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY!

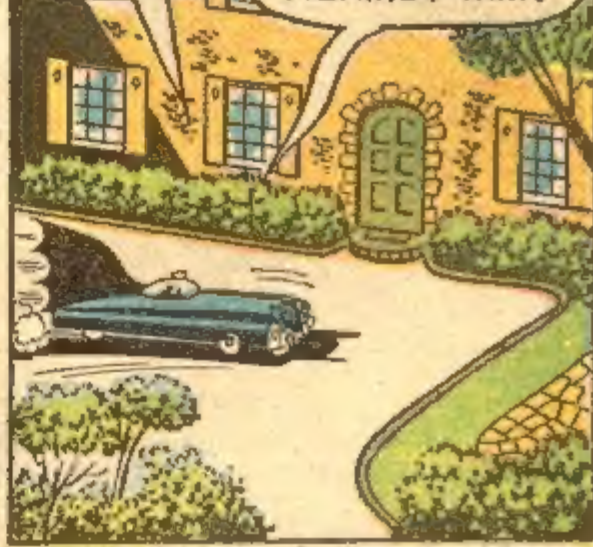
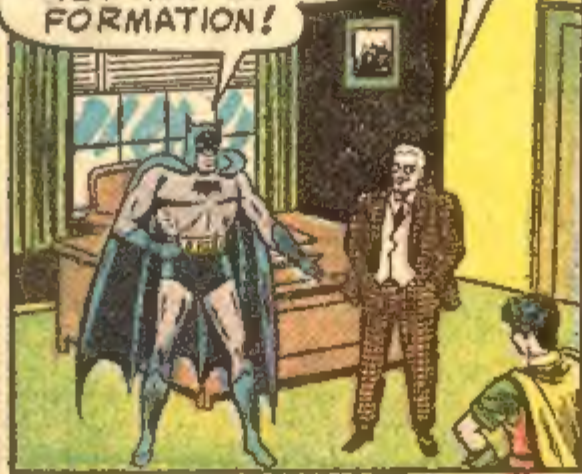
THE SAME TRICK THAT MARSTIN'S USED BEFORE!

MARSTIN PLACES HIS STOOGES IN KEY BUSINESSES AND HOMES-- AND LATER, JEWEL-ROBBERIES TAKE PLACE! HIS "CLIENTS" GET HIM INFORMATION!

BUT WE CAN'T PROVE IT-- UNLESS YOU CAN GET THAT CONFESSION BACK!

WE'RE SURE MARSTIN IS GUILTY--IT'S A PITY WE CAN'T JUST GRAB HIM!

BUT WE CAN'T WITHOUT LEGAL PROOF! THAT CONFESSION WAS THE ONLY REAL EVIDENCE AGAINST HIM!



AND THAT CONFESSION, AT THIS MOMENT, IS BECOMING SMOKE AND ASHES...

THE POLICE KNOW MY EMPLOYMENT AGENCY IS STEERING THE JEWEL-ROBBERIES-- BUT THEY CAN NEVER PROVE IT NOW!

BATMAN!

YOU'RE TOO LATE, BATMAN! BAT? HA, HA-- YOU SURE TOOK A SLOW CREATURE FOR YOUR EMBLEM!

MARSTIN, YOU'LL NEVER LAUGH AT THE BAT-SYMBOL AGAIN!





BACK IN THE BATCAVE, AS THEY CHANGE TO THEIR EVERYDAY IDENTITIES OF BRUCE WAYNE AND DICK GRAYSON, THE DYNAMIC DUO FACES A PROBLEM.

I DIDN'T BLAME YOU FOR BAWLING MARSTIN OUT, BUT AFTER ALL, THE BAT-SYMBOL WON'T PUT HIM BEHIND BARS!

I WONDER! REMEMBER WHY I **CHOSE** THE BAT AS MY SYMBOL WHEN I BEGAN MY CAREER?



"HOODLUMS CAUSED MY PARENTS' DEATH--AND AS A BOY I VOWED TO WAR AGAINST CRIME! I PREPARED MYSELF MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY..."



"THEN, AS I WAS READY AND WONDERING WHAT DISGUISE I SHOULD WEAR..."

CRIMINALS ARE SUPERSTITIOUS, SO MY DISGUISE SHOULD STRIKE FEAR INTO THEIR HEARTS! I MUST BE A CREATURE OF THE NIGHT, LIKE A--A--



I DON'T SEE HOW! THE STOLEN JEWELS MIGHT CONVICT HIM, BUT HE'S TOO CUNNING TO DISPOSE OF THEM AND MUST HAVE THEM WELL HIDDEN!

"MY DECISION WAS MADE WHEN A WINGED CREATURE FLEW THROUGH THE OPEN WINDOW!"

A BAT! THAT'S IT! I SHALL BECOME A **BAT**, WHICH IS AN UNLUCKY OMEN TO THE UNDERWORLD!



AND NOW I THINK THE **BAT-SYMBOL** CAN CRACK MARSTIN'S CLEVER ROBBERY-RING AND CONVICT HIM!



BUT WHEN A PLAN IS UNFOLDED...

IT MIGHT WORK, AT THAT! I'LL DO AS YOU ASK, AND CHECK THE MARSTIN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY'S RECORDS!

AND I'LL GO TO WORK ON MARSTIN'S MOB-- WITH BAT-SYMBOLS!



BUT SUDDENLY, THERE IS A SILENT, OMINOUS PRESENCE...

THE SIGN OF **BATMAN!** HE'S ONTO US!

BAH! IT'S JUST SOME TRICK TO FRIGHTEN ME!



NEXT EVENING, AFTER BUSINESS HOURS, A SINISTER GATHERING TAKES PLACE IN THE OFFICE OF THE MARSTIN EMPLOYMENT AGENCY...

EVERYTHING'S READY FOR YOUR JOB TONIGHT! THE USHER MY AGENCY JUST PLACED IN A POSITION THERE WILL COOPERATE!

FINE, BOSS! THE JEWELS THEM DAMES WILL BE WEARING WILL BE A REAL HAUL!



SEE--JUST A LITTLE BAT-SILHOUETTE PASTED ON THE STREET-LAMP, TO THROW A SHADOW INTO MY OFFICE!

I DON'T LIKE **BAT-GAGS!** LET'S GET OUT OF HERE!



BUT AS THE PLOTTERS SPEED AWAY...

JUST ANOTHER BAT-SIGN-- FLYING AFTER US!

THEY'LL SOON FIND OUT IT'S A KITE I TIED TO MARSTIN'S CAR-- BUT IT'LL HELP MY WAR OF NERVES!

JUST ANOTHER CHEAP TRICK! IGNORE IT!

BEFORE BATMAN CAN FOLLOW, ROBIN CALLS URGENTLY BY BELT-RADIO!

BATMAN, I'VE CHECKED THOSE OFFICIAL RECORDS AND FOUND SOMETHING!

ACCORDING TO THE RECORDS, MARSTIN'S AGENCY HAS TO FILE WITH THE STATE EMPLOYMENT BUREAU. ONE OF THE PEOPLE HE'S PLACED LATELY IS AN USHER AT THE GOTHAM OPERA HOUSE--

AND THE OPERA OPENS TONIGHT-- HM, THE OPERA IS "**DIE FLEDERMAUS!**" MAYBE WE CAN SURPRISE THE JEWEL-THIEVES IF THEY STRIKE THERE!



THAT NIGHT, PRICELESS JEWELS GLITTER AT THE OPERA OPENING...

MRS. VAN LAMMAN, WEARING HER FAMOUS EMERALDS, IS IN BOX 16! I'VE GOT IT ALL SET UP FOR YOU!

WE'LL GRAB THEM SOON AS THE OPERA STARTS!

LOOK, A HUMAN BAT ON THE STAGE! I DON'T LIKE THIS!

DON'T WORRY--THIS IS STRAUSS' OPERA, "DIE FLEDERMAUS," WHICH MEANS "THE BAT"! THAT MAN'S JUST A CHARACTER IN THE OPERA! WE'LL GRAB THOSE EMERALDS NOW!

BUT SUDDENLY, THE "BAT" CHARACTER OF THE COLORFUL OPERA DEPARTS FROM HIS REGULAR ROLE!

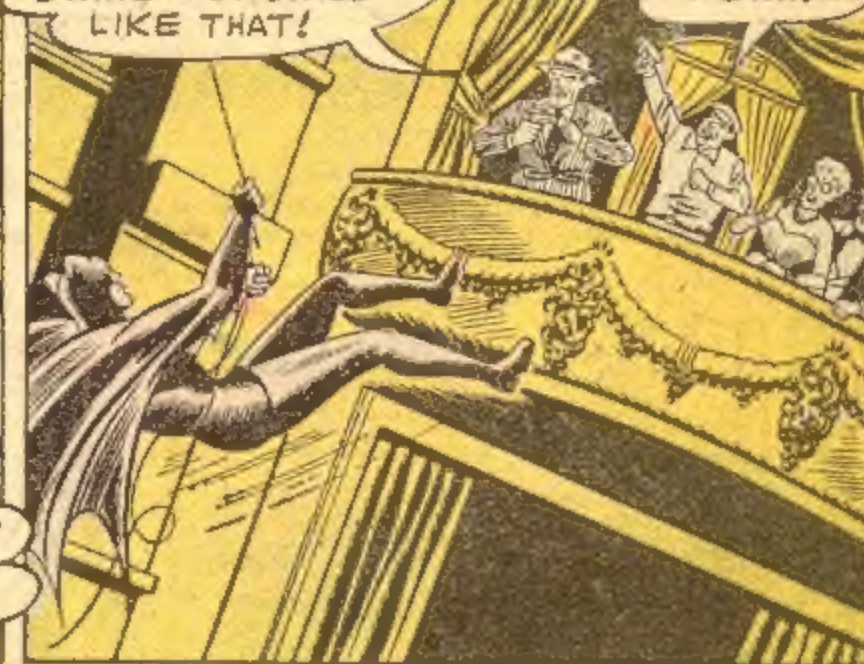


I DON'T GET IT-- THE "BAT" SINGER THREW A ROPE OVER THE CHANDELIER!

LOOK, INSTEAD OF SINGING, HE'S GOING TO SWING!

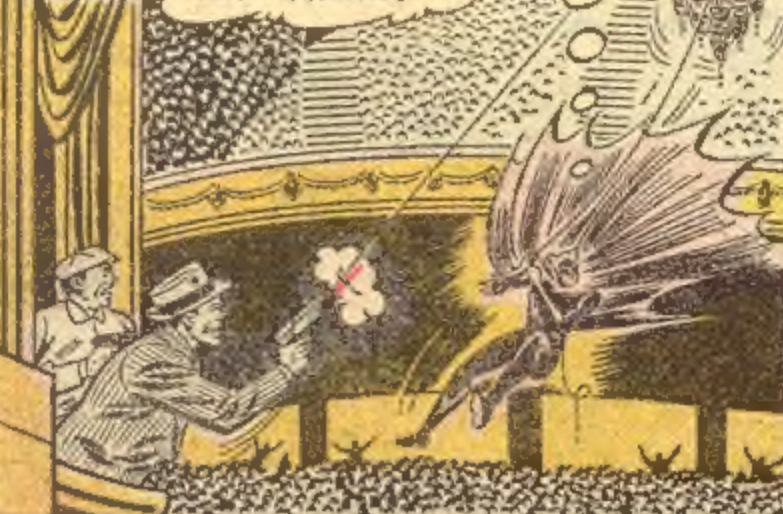
THAT BAT-SIGN WAS BAD LUCK--NOBODY BUT BATMAN COULD SWING OUT ON US LIKE THAT!

SHOOT AT THE CHANDELIER-CHAIN-- THAT'LL BRING HIM DOWN!

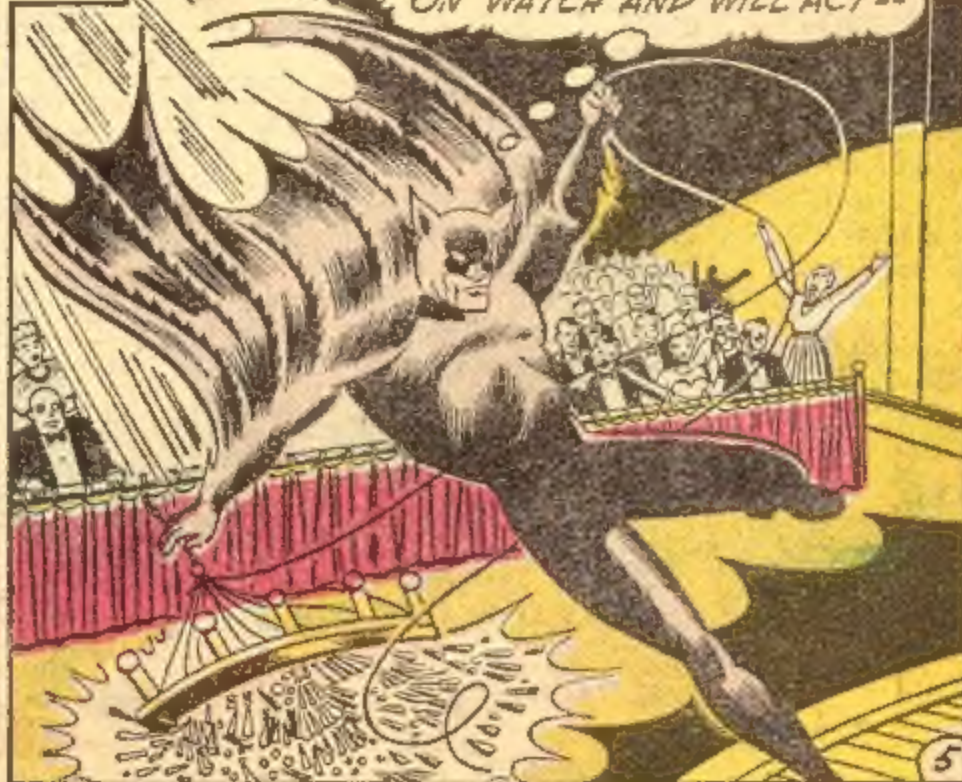


BULLETS RIP THE HANGING CHAIN, AND AS THE LINKS BEGIN TO GIVE AWAY...

THE BIG CHANDELIER WILL COME DOWN IN A MOMENT ON THE AUDIENCE-- BUT IF I SWING BACK FAST, MY MOMENTUM WILL CARRY IT CLEAR OF THEM!



DID IT--BUT IT GIVES THEM A CHANCE TO GET AWAY! ROBIN'S ON WATCH AND WILL ACT--



TRUE TO BATMAN'S WORDS, THE BOY WONDER IS ALREADY IN ACTION!

LET ME SHOW YOU TO A SEAT!

OUT OF HERE, WHILE THE BRAT'S TANGLING WITH THE USHER! BATMAN TRICKED US BY ARRANGING TO TAKE THE SINGER'S PLACE!

A FEW MOMENTS LATER...

MARSTIN GOT YOU THE USHER JOB THROUGH HIS AGENCY, SO YOU COULD LET THOSE THIEVES IN TONIGHT, DIDN'T HE?

YOU MAY AS WELL TURN ME OVER TO THE COPS--I'M NOT TALKING!



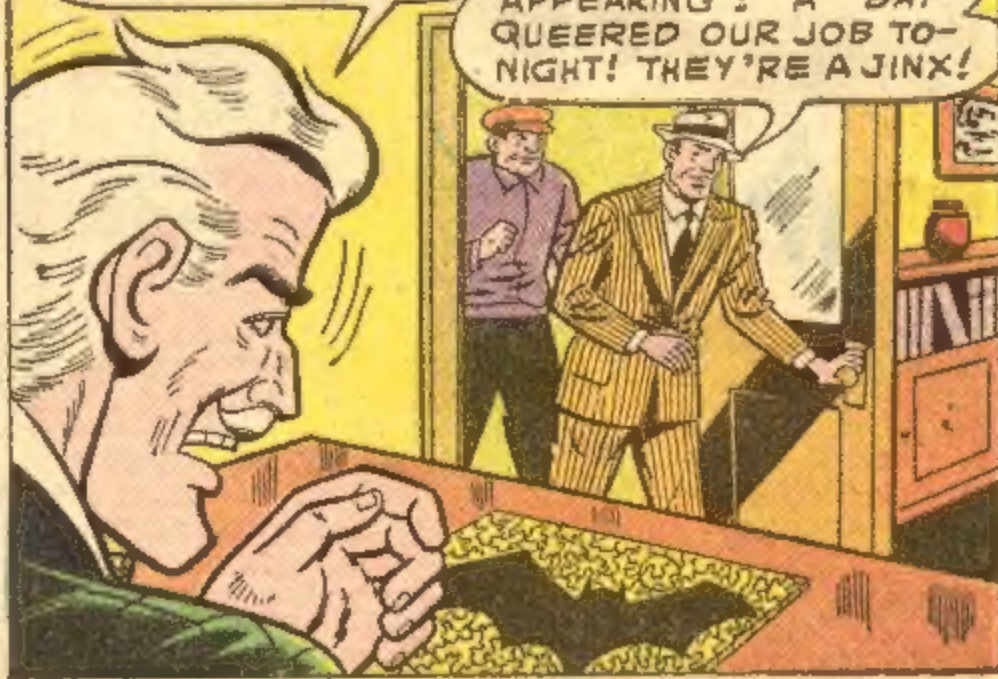
BUT THIS PUZZLE, WHEN SOLVED, PROVES AN OMINOUS "ADVERTISEMENT" INDEED!

A BAT-SIGNAL! IT'S ANOTHER BATMAN TRICK!

EVERYTHING'S GONE WRONG SINCE THOSE BAT-SIGNS STARTED APPEARING! A "BAT" QUEERED OUR JOB TONIGHT! THEY'RE A JINX!

MEANWHILE, AS JOHN MARSTIN AWAITS THE SUCCESS OF HIS MOBSTERS...

LEFTY AND THE REST WILL REPORT SOON! HM, MIGHT AS WELL SOLVE THIS JIGSAW PUZZLE THAT CAME BY MAIL--SOME ADVERTISEMENT, I SUPPOSE!



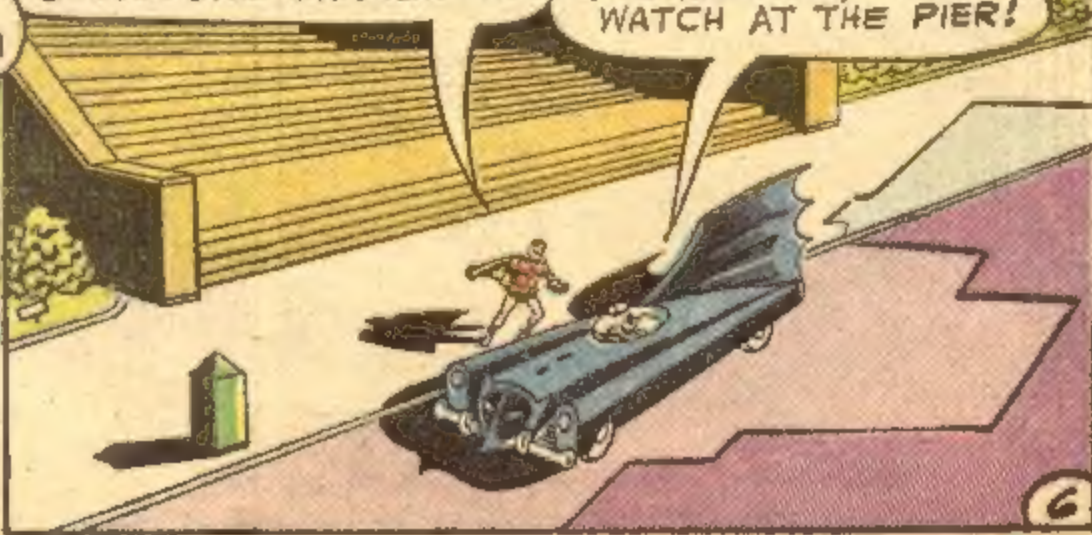
WE OUGHT TO QUIT THIS RACKET AND DIVIDE UP THE JEWELS WE'VE ALREADY GOT, UNTIL THE BAT-SIGN HOODOO IS OFF US! I'M SCARED!

NO, THE JEWELS I'VE HIDDEN WILL ONLY BE SHARED WHEN I SAY WE'RE THROUGH! BAT-SIGNS--BAH! WE'LL GO AHEAD WITH THE MUSEUM JOB AND THE VARONIA ROBBERY!

BUT ROBIN'S RESEARCHES INTO THE AGENCY RECORDS HAVE ALERTED THE DYNAMIC DUO.

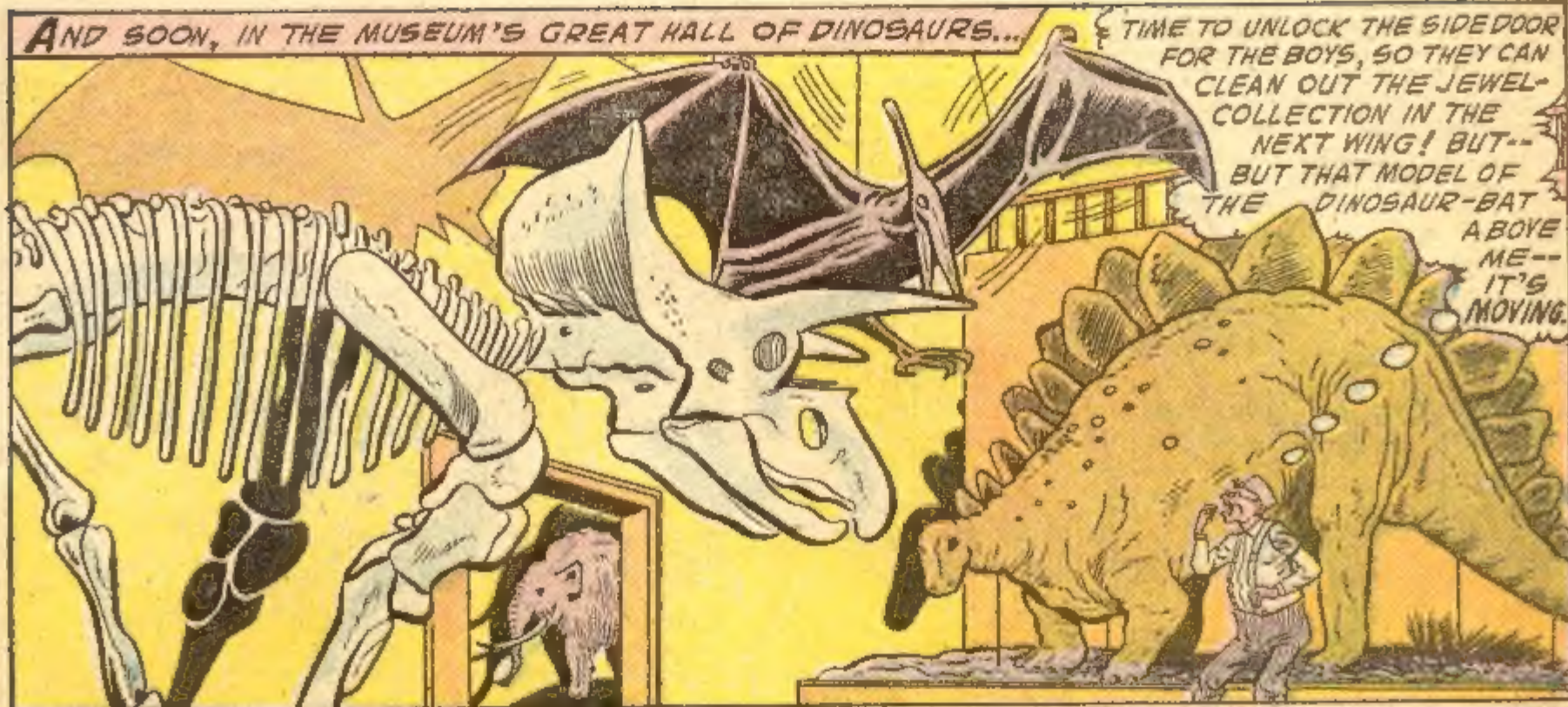
YES, THE MARSTIN AGENCY PLANTED A STOOGES IN THIS MUSEUM AS A CARETAKER, AND ANOTHER ONE AS A STEVEDORE ON PIER 14!

WE CAN'T PROVE YET THAT THEY'RE NOT HONEST WORKERS--BUT THE BAT-SIGN SHOULD BLUFF THEM! YOU TAKE THE MUSEUM, I'LL WATCH AT THE PIER!



AND SOON, IN THE MUSEUM'S GREAT HALL OF DINOSAURS...

TIME TO UNLOCK THE SIDEDOOR FOR THE BOYS, SO THEY CAN CLEAN OUT THE JEWEL-COLLECTION IN THE NEXT WING! BUT-- BUT THAT MODEL OF THE DINOSAUR-BAT ABOVE ME-- IT'S MOVING.



I'M GETTING OUT--!

A THIN WIRE ATTACHED SO THAT PTERODACTYL MADE IT A PRETTY IMPRESSIVE PUPPET! NOW TO FOLLOW THAT CHARACTER!

THE GREAT BAT IN THERE-- IT MOVED-- FOLLOWED ME--

THEN THE BAT-SIGN'S ON THE MUSEUM-- I'M NOT GOING IN THERE! MAYBE THE OTHER BOYS WILL HAVE MORE LUCK WITH THE VARONIA JOB!



BUT WHEN ANOTHER MOBSTER CONTACTS MARSTIN'S SPY AT THE PIER...

YEAH, I CAN GET YOU RIGHT ONTO THE VARONIA WHEN IT DOCKS, AND YOU CAN SNATCH THAT DIAMOND-SHIPMENT EASY!

BUT LOOK-- LOOK--!



THE BAT-SIGN IS ON THIS JOB, TOO-- I'M LEAVING!

ME, TOO-- I'M QUITTING MARSTIN! WE'LL MAKE HIM PRODUCE THE JEWELS AND DIVIDE THEM UP!

SECONDS AFTERWARD...

YOUR BAT-SIGN SCARED THEM OFF-- AND I DID, TOO, AT THE MUSEUM!

THEY'RE REALLY CRACKED-- ONE MORE BAT-SIGN WILL DO IT, AND WE'LL HAVE PROOF AGAINST MARSTIN! WE'LL USE THE "BATS" WE GOT READY!



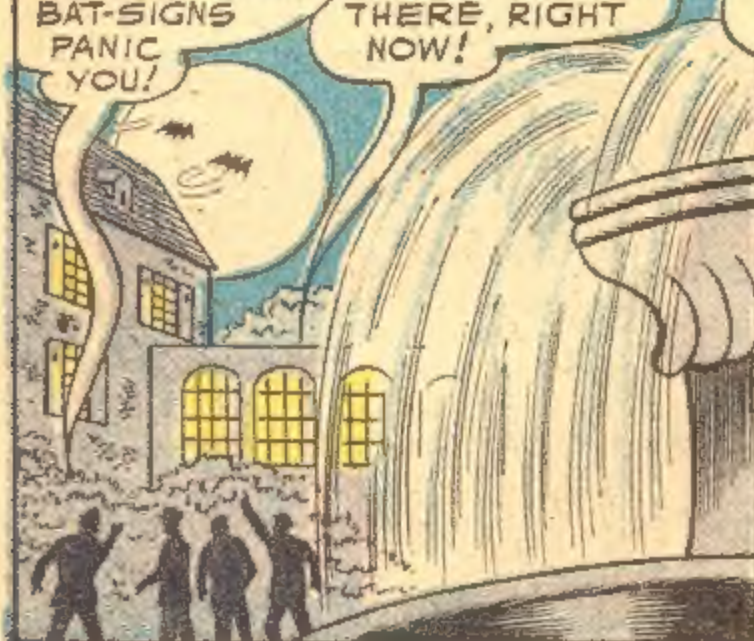
SOON, AT JOHN MARSTIN'S MANSION...

YOU'RE FOOLS, TO LET THOSE BAT-SIGNS PANIC YOU!

THAT'S WHAT YOU SAY! LOOK UP THERE, RIGHT NOW!

GIANT BATS! BAT-SIGNS, BAT-SYMBOLS, EVERYWHERE! IT IS UNCANNY!

I KNEW WE WERE FOOLS TO TANGLE WITH BATMAN! LET'S GET THE LOOT AND LAM!



NEARBY, THOSE "GIANT BATS" CURVE IN THE AIR-- AND SPEAK!

OUR BAT-GLIDER COSTUMES PANICKED, MARSTIN, TOO! IF YOUR PLAN WORKS, THEY'LL DIG UP THAT HIDDEN JEWEL-LOOT AND FLEE!

AND THEY'RE DOING IT! LOOK BACK THERE-- WE'LL GLIDE BACK DOWN ON THEM!

MARSTIN'S HIDING-PLACE FOR STOLEN JEWELS IS A CUNNING ONE!

WE'LL DIVIDE AFTER WE GET OUT OF THIS BAT-RIDDEN REGION--

TOO LATE!



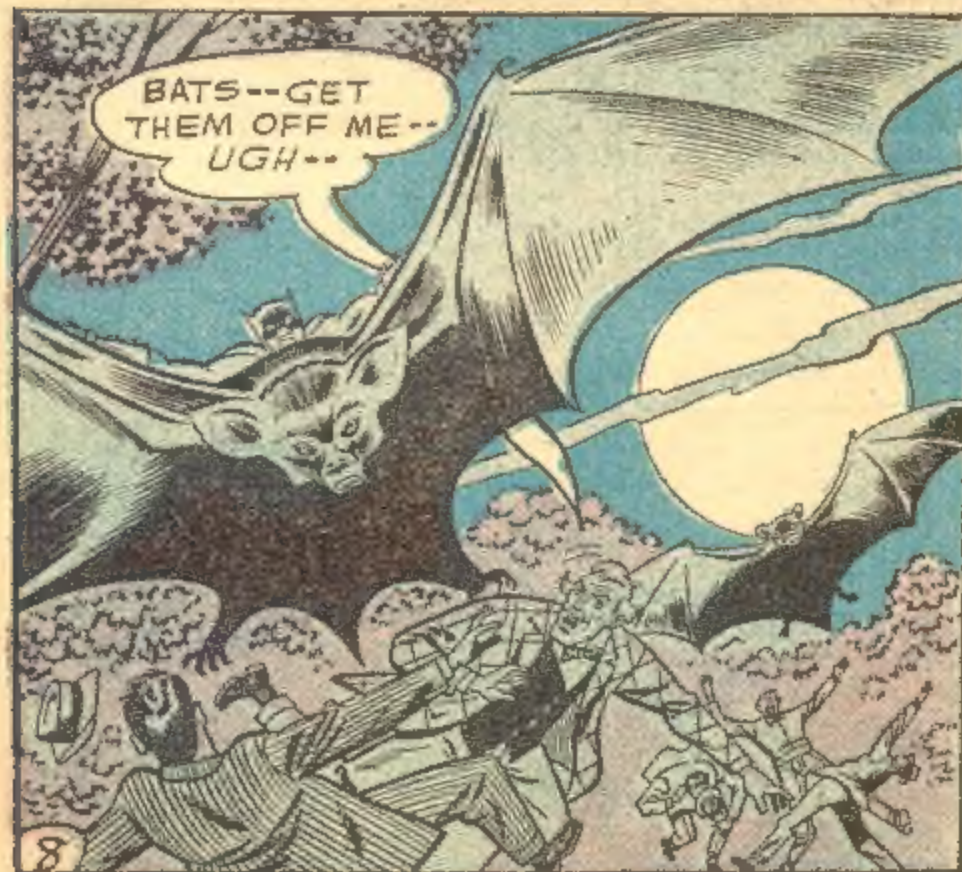
BATS--GET THEM OFF ME-- UGH--

AND WHEN THE FLYING FISTS OF THE CAPED LAW MEN HAVE SUBDUED FRIGHTENED MOBSTERS...

CATCHING HIM WITH THE STOLEN JEWELS IS EVIDENCE ENOUGH TO SEND HIM TO PRISON! THANKS AGAIN, BATMAN AND ROBIN. YOU'RE THE BEST DEPUTIES OUR DEPARTMENT EVER HAD!

YOU DID THIS TO ME BATMAN-- YOU--

NO, MARSTIN! IT WAS THE BAT-SIGN THAT CRACKED THIS CASE!



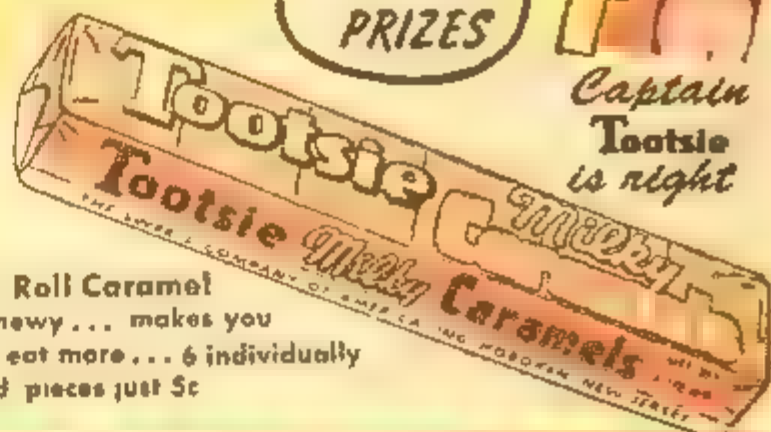
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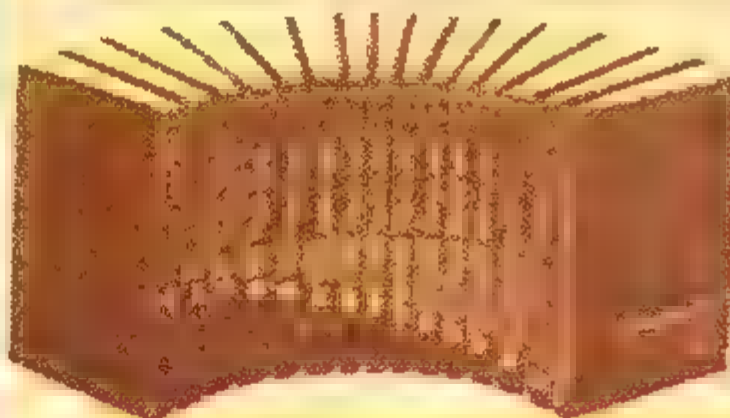
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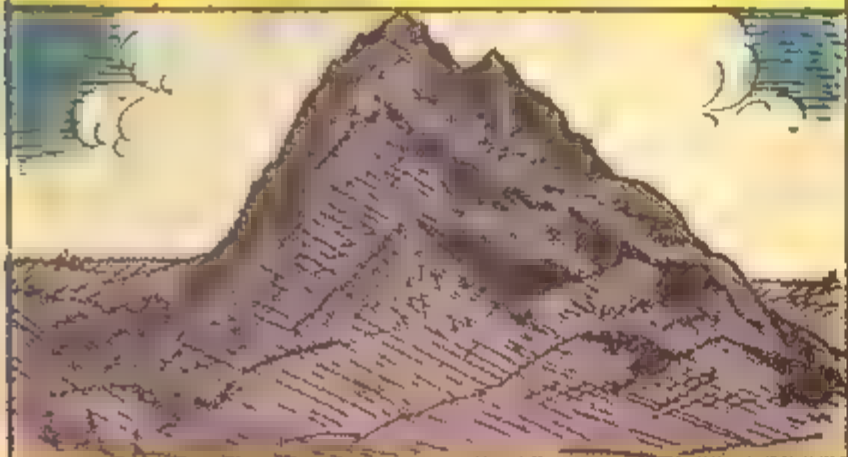
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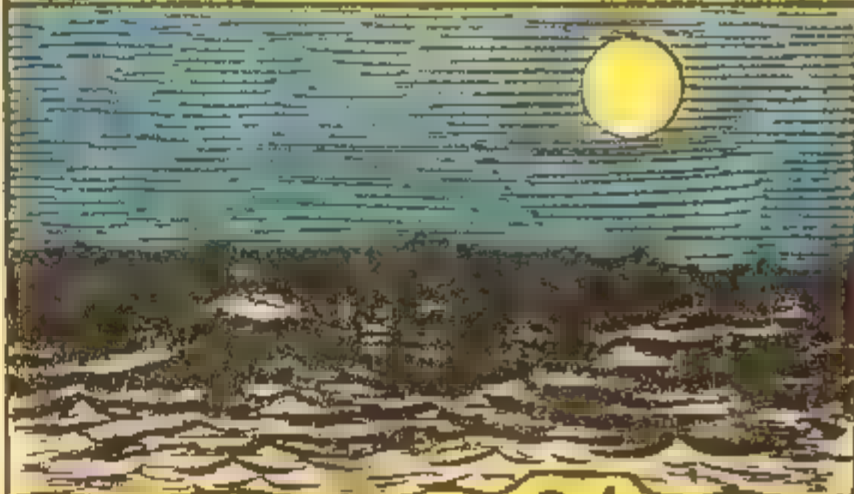
QUICK QUIZ

IS PIKE'S PEAK (14,110 FT. ELEVATION) THE HIGHEST IN COLORADO?



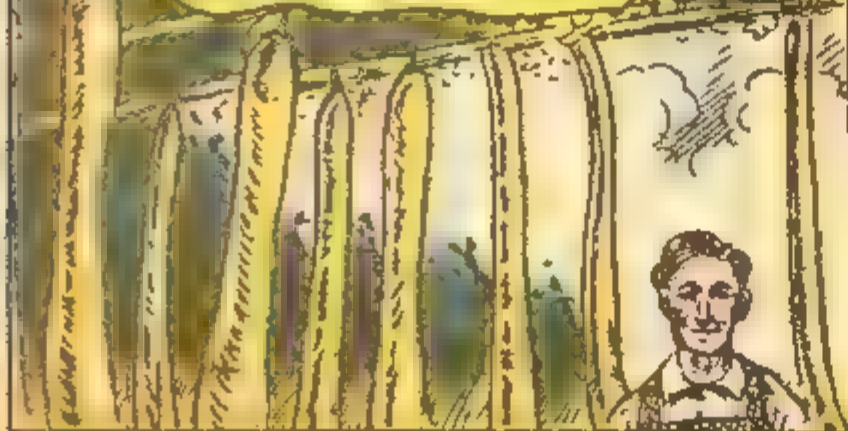
NO! THERE ARE 25 OTHER PEAKS IN COLORADO... HIGHER!

HOW SALTY IS OCEAN WATER?



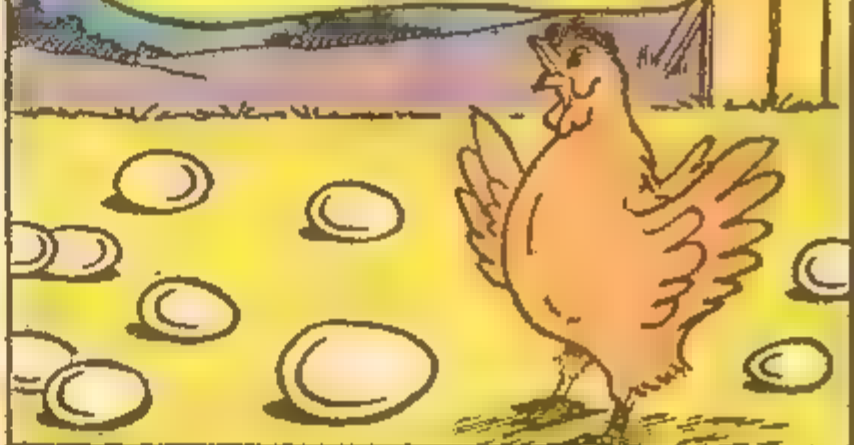
THERE ARE ABOUT $3\frac{1}{2}$ POUNDS OF SALT... TO EVERY POUND OF SEA WATER!

WHAT ARE THE LARGEST BEANS KNOWN?



THE BEANS OF NEW ZEALAND! THEY ATTAIN A LENGTH EXCEEDING 7 FEET!

ARE A HEN'S EGGS ALWAYS OF UNIFORM SIZE?



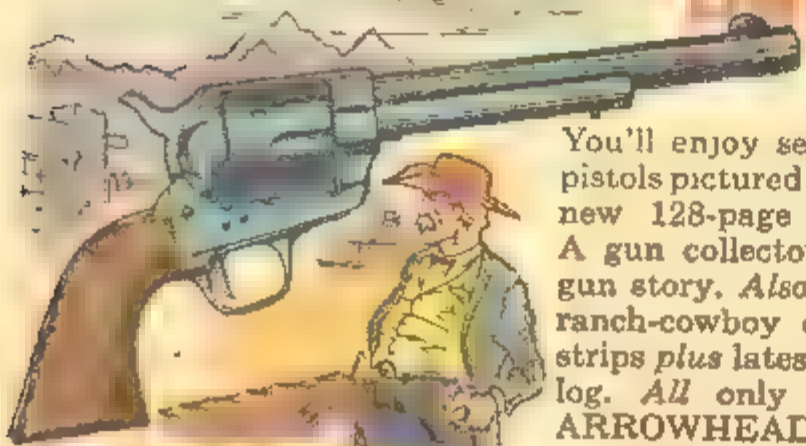
NO! FOR SOME REASON UNKNOWN TO SCIENCE, EACH 10TH EGG IS ALWAYS LARGER!

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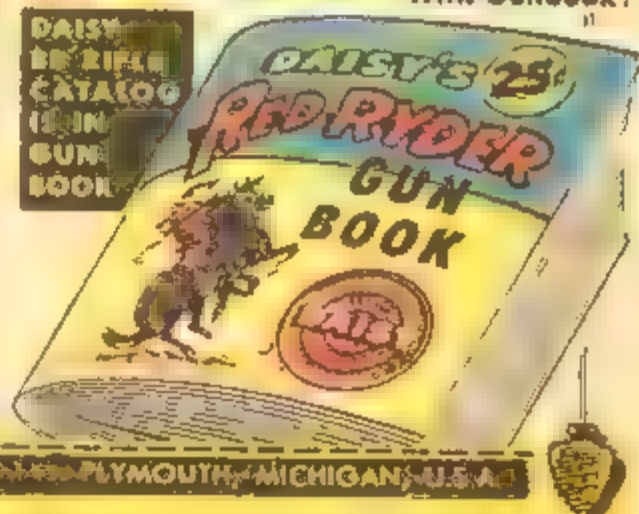
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BESIDES ROBIN, ONLY ONE OTHER PERSON KNOWS THAT PLAYBOY BRUCE WAYNE IS REALLY BATMAN... THAT PERSON IS BRUCE'S FAITHFUL BUTLER, ALFRED! BUT NOW, A SUDDEN, A FATEFUL EVENT BRINGS ABOUT A STARTLING EXCHANGE--AND DRAMATIC INDEED ARE THE RESULTS WHEN BATMAN FINDS HIMSELF A BUTLER, WHILE ALFRED BECOMES...

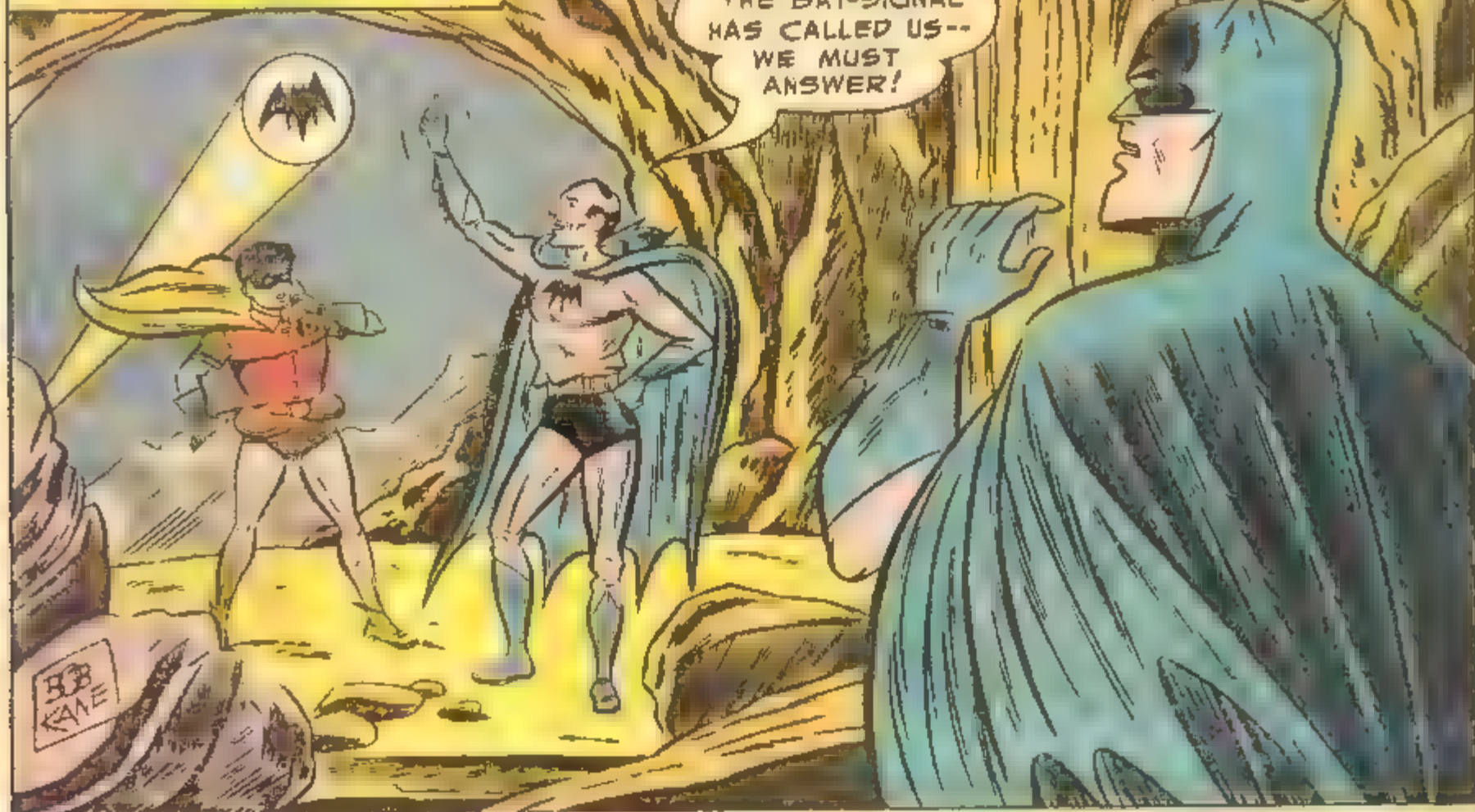
THE NEW BATMAN!

BATMAN

WITH ROBIN

OUR BUTLER--ALFRED... HE'S BATMAN NOW!

THE BAT-SIGNAL HAS CALLED US-- WE MUST ANSWER!



NIGHT OVER GOTHAM CITY-- AND THE BATMOBILE SPEEDS HOMEWARD AFTER A SUCCESSFUL MISSION...

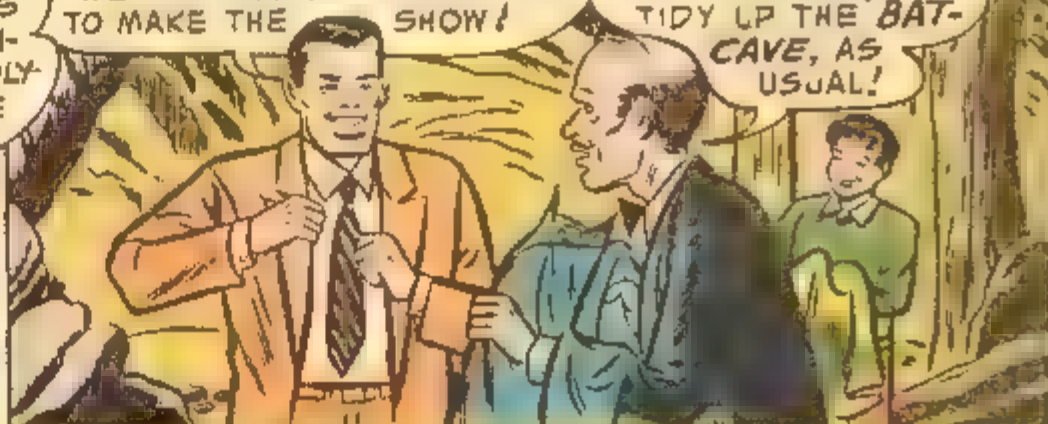
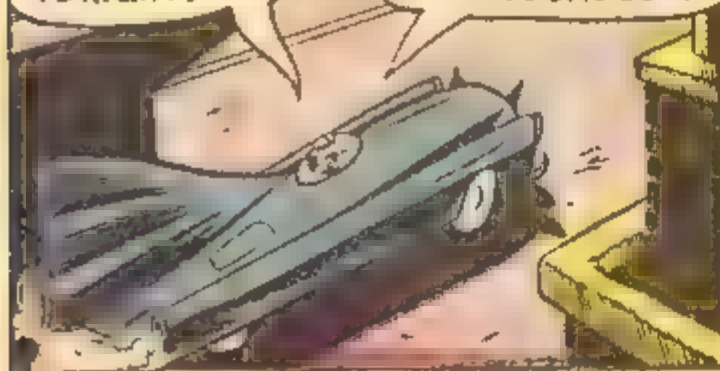
IN THE SECRET BAT-CAVE UNDER THE WAYNE MANSION, BRUCE'S IMPECCABLE BUTLER COMES IN HANDY...

WE'LL HAVE TO CHANGE IN A HURRY WHEN WE REACH THE BAT-CAVE. I PROMISED WE'D ATTEND THE CHARITY SHOW TONIGHT!

KEEPING UP BRUCE WAYNE'S REPUTATION AS A WEALTHY MAN-- ABOUT-TOWN HARDLY LEAVES YOU ANY TIME TO YOURSELF!

GLAD YOU HAD OUR ORDINARY CLOTHES READY, ALFRED-- WE'VE ONLY A FEW MINUTES TO MAKE THE SHOW!

I FANCIED YOU'D NEED ASSISTANCE! WHEN YOU'RE GONE, I'LL TIDY UP THE BAT-CAVE, AS USUAL!



BUT ALFRED DOESN'T DREAM THAT THIS NIGHT IS TO BE THE MOST UNUSUAL OF HIS LIFE --

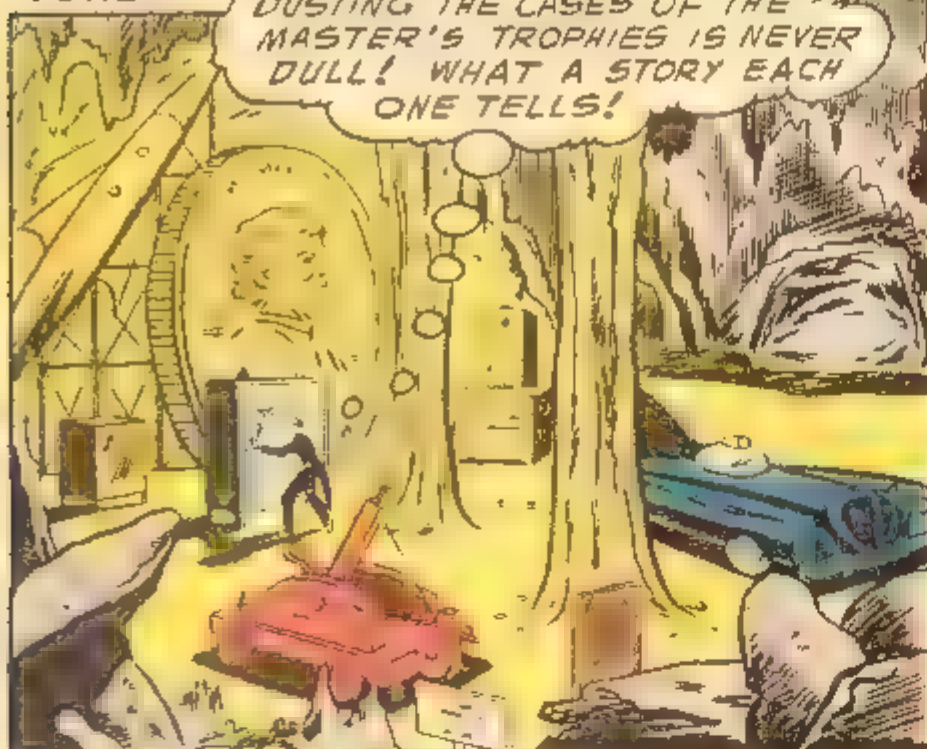


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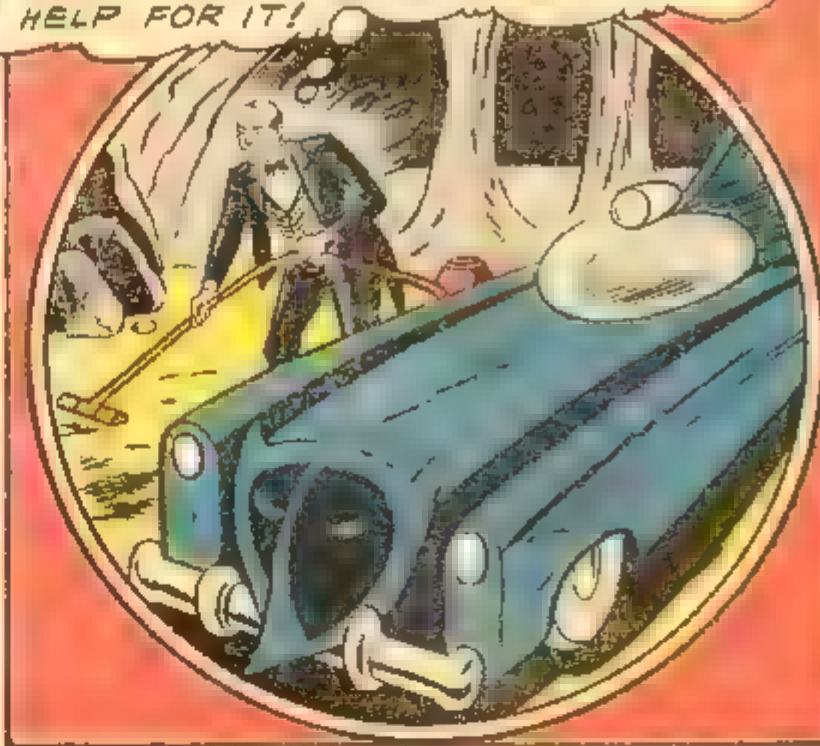


--FOR AWHILE LATER, AS HE PERFORMS HIS DUTIES...

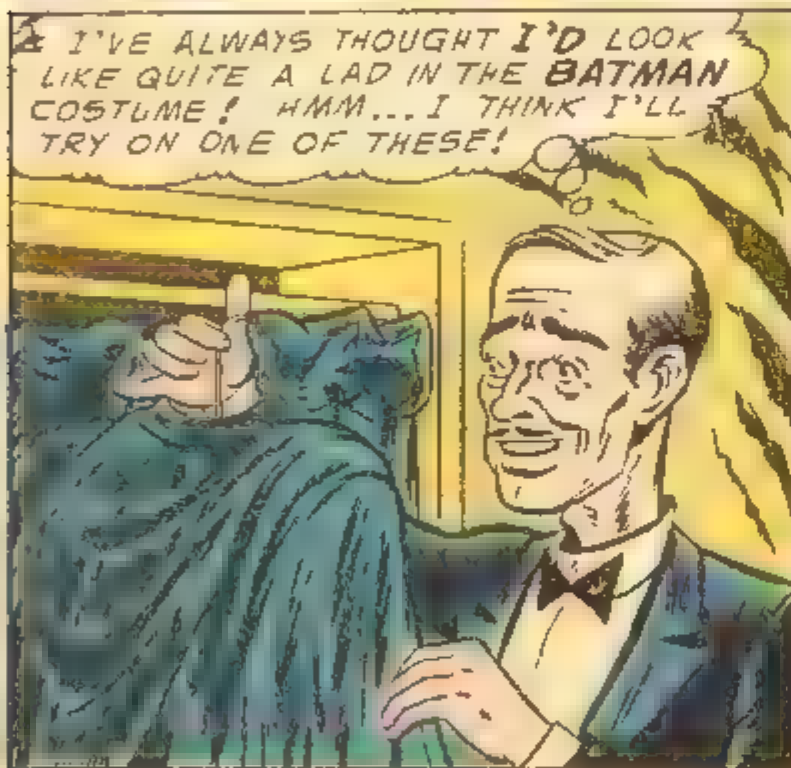
DUSTING THE CASES OF THE MASTER'S TROPHIES IS NEVER DULL! WHAT A STORY EACH ONE TELLS!



TSK, TSK--THE MUD THE BATMOBILE TRACKS IN! I SUPPOSE THERE'S NO HELP FOR IT!

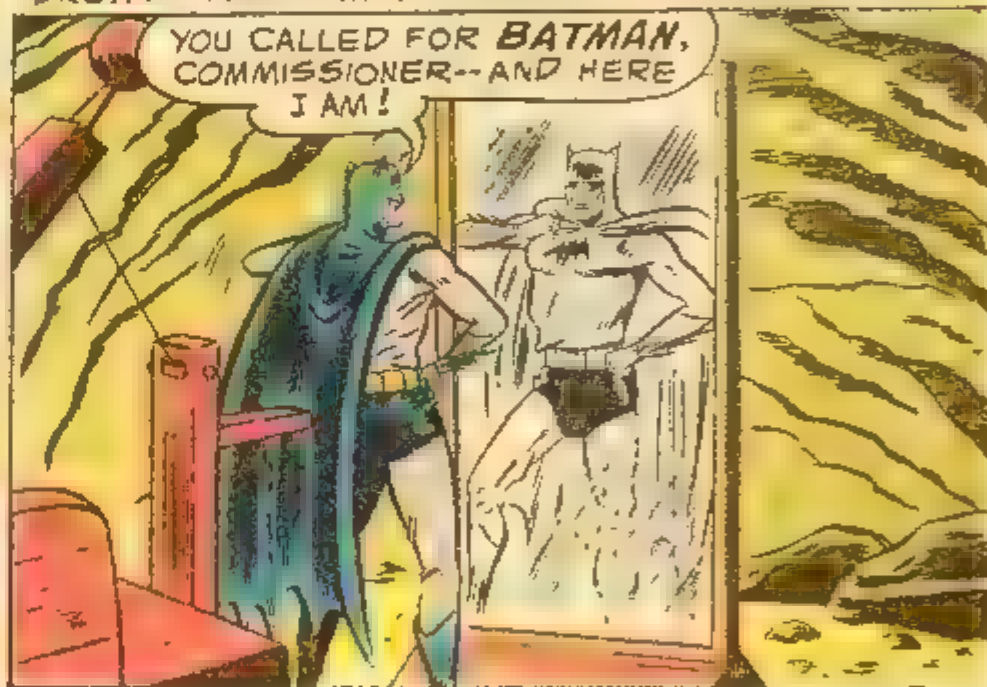


I'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT I'D LOOK LIKE QUITE A LAD IN THE BATMAN COSTUME! HMM... I THINK I'LL TRY ON ONE OF THESE!



WE ALL LIKE TO DAYDREAM--BUT ALFRED'S DAYDREAMS MAKE HIM FORGETFUL OF DANGER...

YOU CALLED FOR BATMAN, COMMISSIONER--AND HERE I AM!

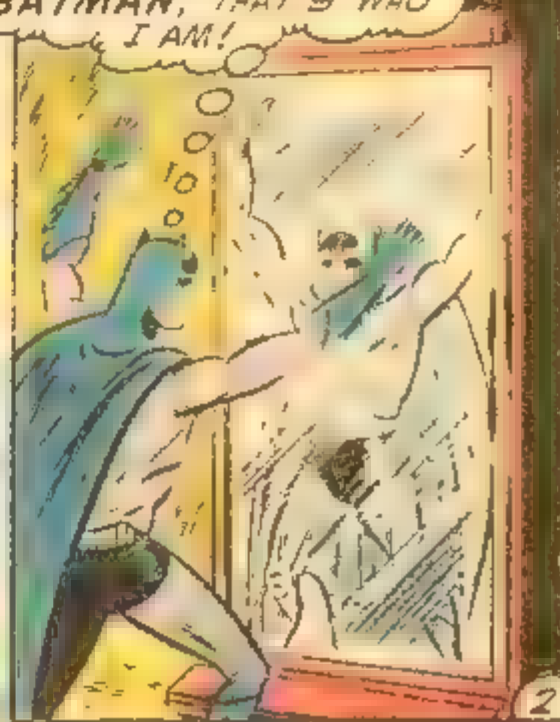
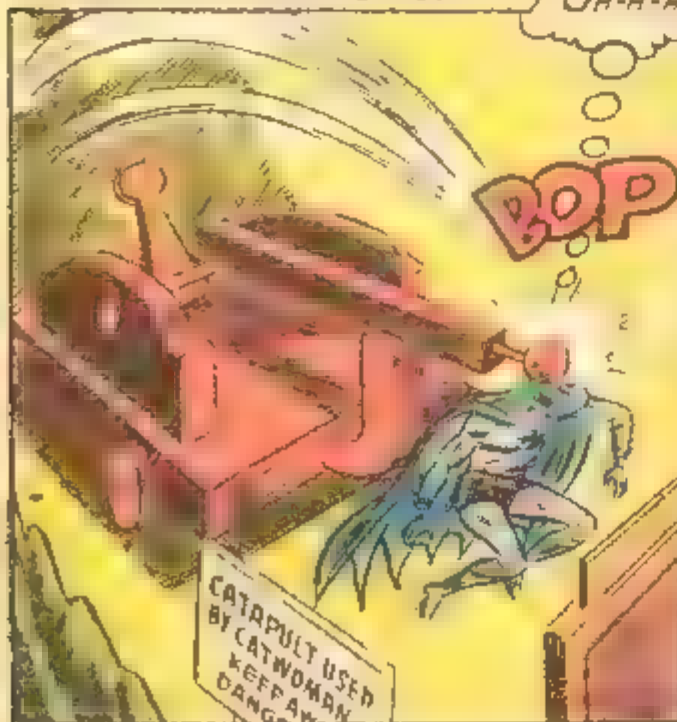


AND AS HE BACKS INTO THE TRIGGER MECHANISM OF AN UNUSUAL WICKED DEVICE...

OH-H-H.

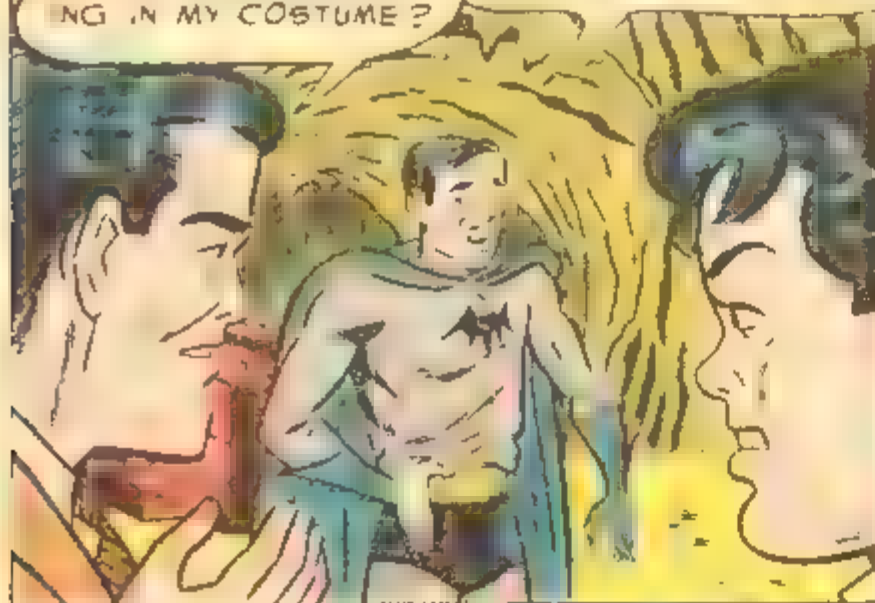
SOON, CONSCIOUSNESS RETURNS--BUT MEMORY DOESN'T! CAN'T REMEMBER--SOMETHING HIT ME! WHO AM I, ANYWAY?

WHY, OF COURSE--IT COMES BACK TO ME NOW! I'M BATMAN, THAT'S WHO I AM!



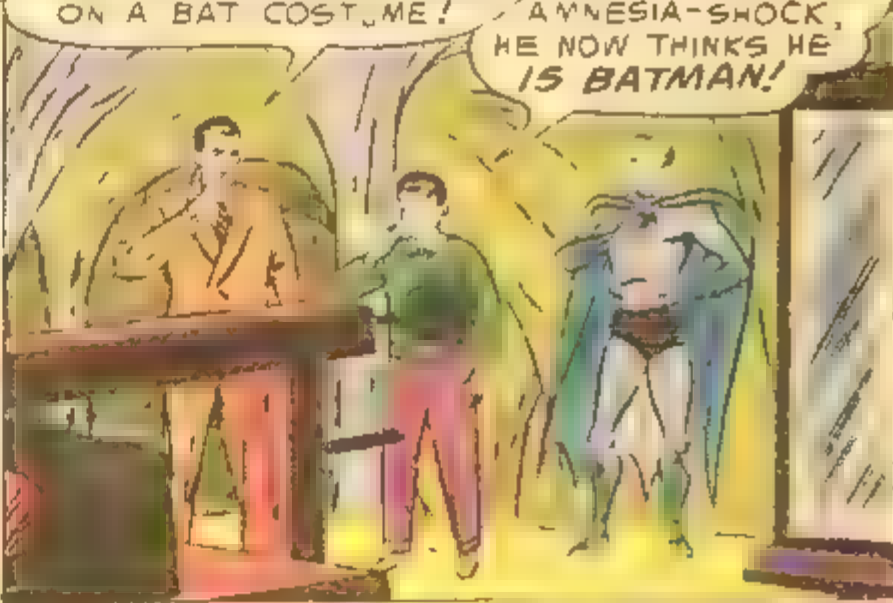
AND WHEN BRUCE AND DICK RETURN, THEY FIND AN AMAZING NEW ALFRED...

WHO ARE YOU TWO? HOW DO YOU LEARN THE SECRET OF MY BAT-CAVE? ALFRED, YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE CLEANING. WHAT ARE YOU DOING IN MY COSTUME?



IT'S SOON OBVIOUS TO THE TWO WHAT HAS HAPPENED... SEE?... AND SINCE HE WAS PRETENDING TO BE BATMAN WHEN HE GOT THE AMNESIA-SHOCK, HE NOW THINKS HE IS BATMAN!

THE CATAPULT'S SPRUNG! IT'S ARM MUST'VE STRUCK HIM WHEN HE WAS TRYING ON A BAT COSTUME!



HE'LL RECOVER HIS MEMORY GRADUALLY, BUT IF WE SUDDENLY TELL HIM THAT HE'S WRONG, THAT HE ISN'T BATMAN IT WOULD SHOCK HIM SO HE MIGHT NEVER RECOVER!

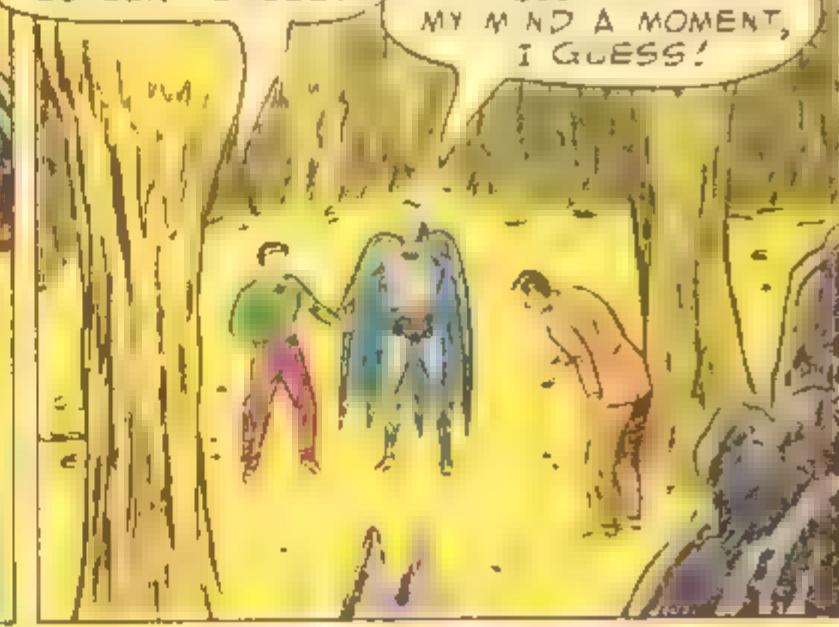
THEN WE MUST STAY ALONG WITH HIM!

I DEMAND TO KNOW HOW YOU GOT IN HERE!



WHY... UM... BATMAN, SURELY YOU REMEMBER ME -- ROBIN! AND THAT'S... ER... YOUR BUTLER - BRUCE!

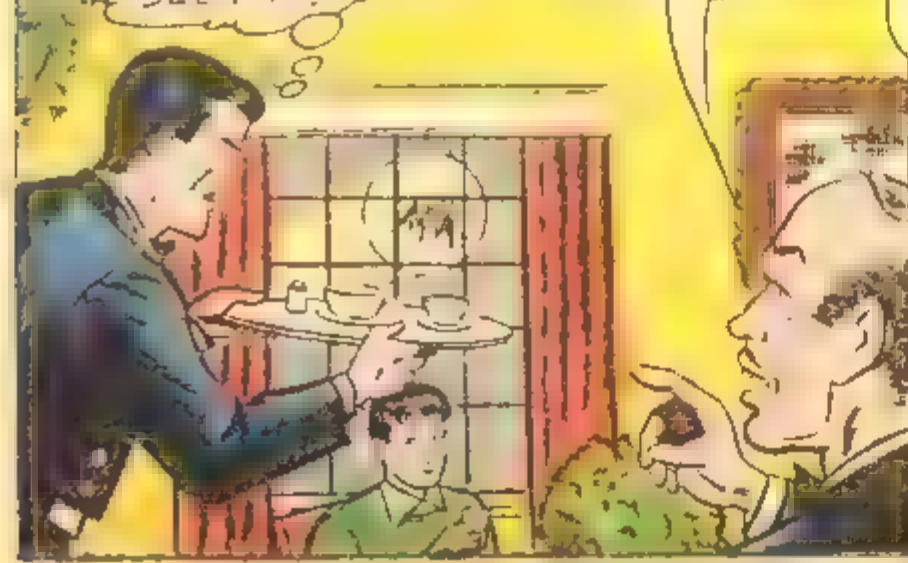
OF COURSE, ROBIN, THE OTHER HALF OF OUR GREAT TEAM... AND OUR BUTLER! IT JUST SLIPPED MY MIND A MOMENT, I GUESS!



THUS DOES BRUCE WAYNE SOON FIND HIMSELF HIS OWN BUTLER'S BUTLER!

LET'S HOPE HIS MEMORY COMES BACK BEFORE... OH, OH THE BAT-SIGNAL! AND HE'S SEEING IT!

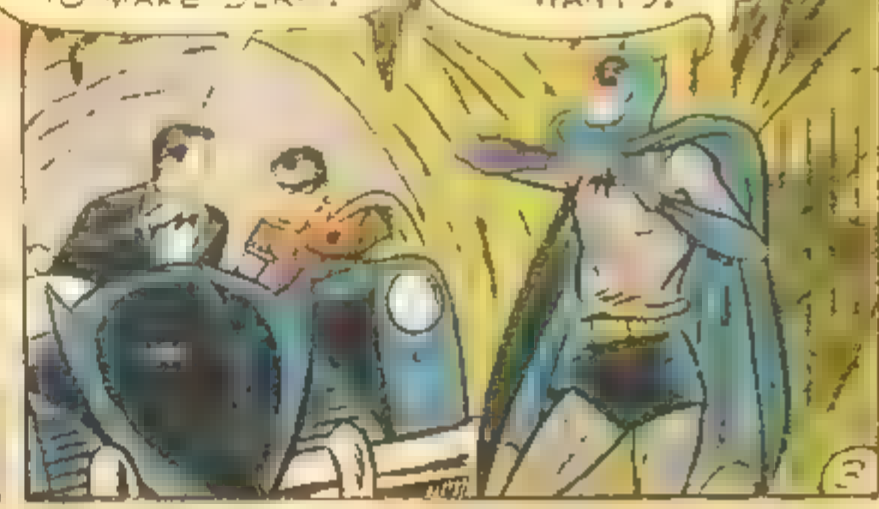
LOOK... THE BAT-SIGNAL CALLING US! COME ON, ROBIN-- WE'RE WANTED!



A MOMENT LATER, BACK IN THE BAT-CAVE

WE HAVE TO GO ALONG WITH THE GAG, BUT WE MUSTN'T LET ALFRED GET INTO ANY REAL DANGER I'LL COVER YOU TWO TO MAKE SURE!

COME, COME ROBIN-- HIS SIGHT ME TO CHAT WITH OUR BUTLER! WE MUST HURRY TO SEE WHAT COMMISSIONER GORDON WANTS!





BATMAN



AND AS THE "NEW" DUO RACES FORTH WITH ROBIN TO ANSWER THE CALL...

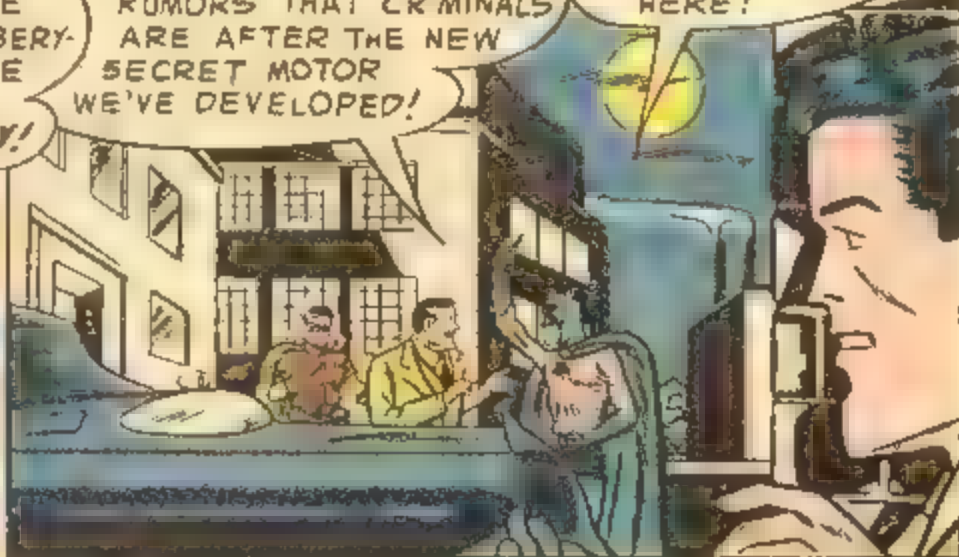
I MUST WATCH ALFRED CLOSELY, TO MAKE SURE HE DOESN'T ENDANGER HIMSELF... AND SINCE THERE CAN'T BE TWO BATMEN IN ACTION, I'LL FOLLOW THEM FROM A DISTANCE, AS BRUCE WAYNE!

ALF--I MEAN BATMAN, THAT POLICE RADIO-FLASH TELLS WHY WE'RE WANTED! A ROBBERY-ALARM FROM THE FARREL JET MOTOR COMPANY!

SO SHORTLY AFTERWARD, OUTSIDE THE GREAT JET FACTORY...

PROWLERS WERE GLIMPSED AROUND HERE TONIGHT-- AND WE'VE HEARD RUMORS THAT CRIMINALS ARE AFTER THE NEW SECRET MOTOR WE'VE DEVELOPED!

DON'T WORRY, OLD CHAPPIE-- ROBIN AND I WILL FERRET OUT ANY RASCALS HERE!

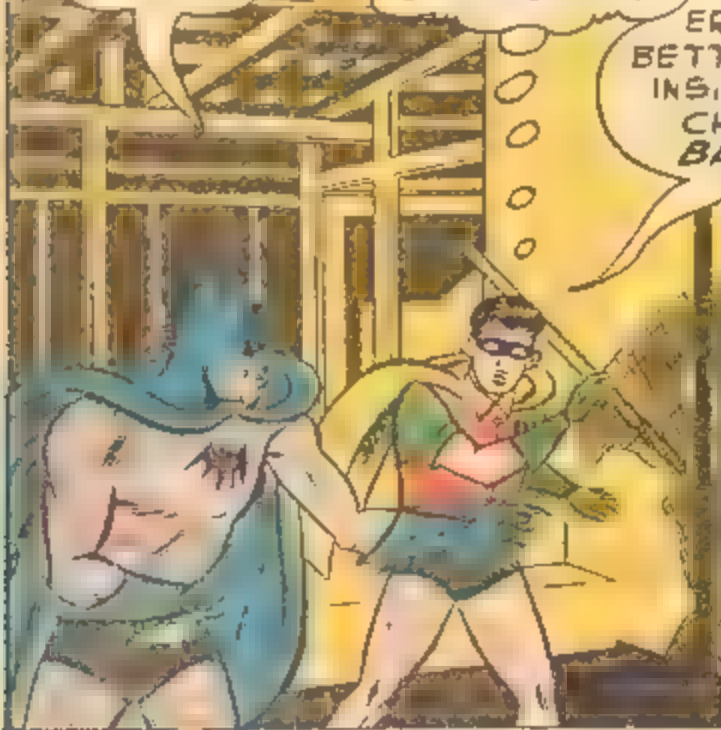


AND IN ONE OF THE SHADOWY FACTORY BUILDINGS...

STAY BEHND ME ROBIN-- YOU'RE ONLY A BOY, AFTER ALL!

MUST GET ALFRED SAFELY OUT OF DANGER, SO THE REAL BATMAN CAN TAKE OVER! AH-- I THINK I'VE GOT IT!

ER... WE'D BETTER LOOK INSIDE THIS CHAMBER, BATMAN!

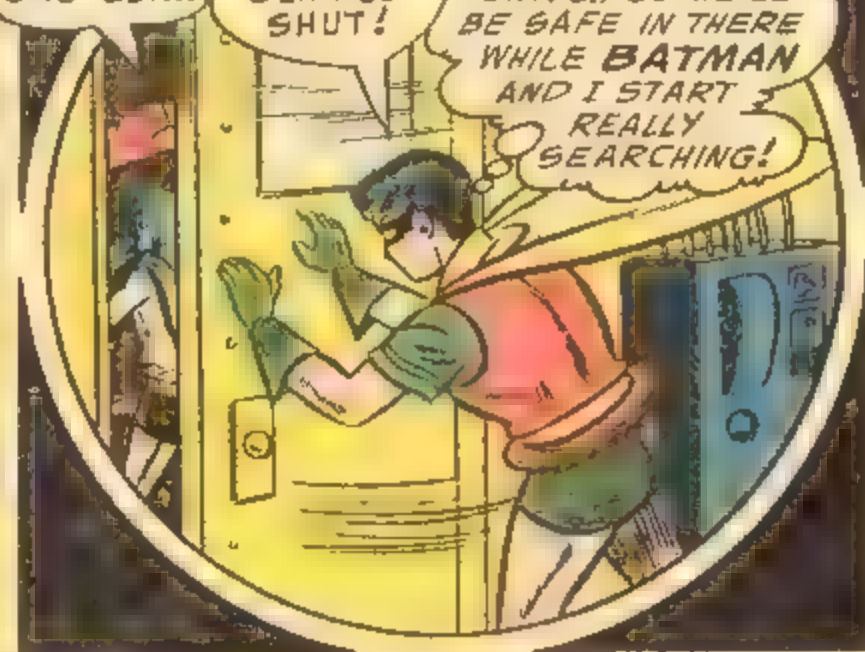


AS SOON AS ALFRED STEPS IN...

I CAN'T SEE ANY-ONE BUT...

OOPS, THE DOOR SLIPPED SHUT!

I'LL DISCONNECT THE PRESSURE SWITCH SO HE'LL BE SAFE IN THERE WHILE BATMAN AND I START REALLY SEARCHING!



SURE ENOUGH, FOLLOWING BATMAN'S HUNCH...

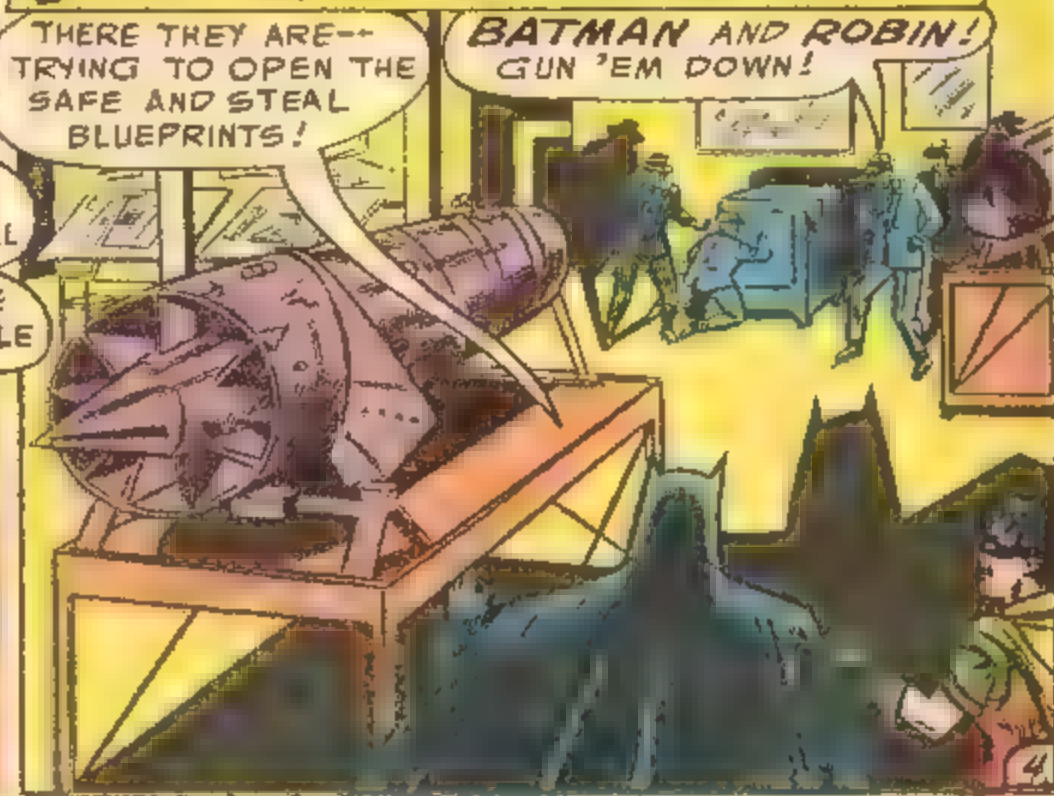
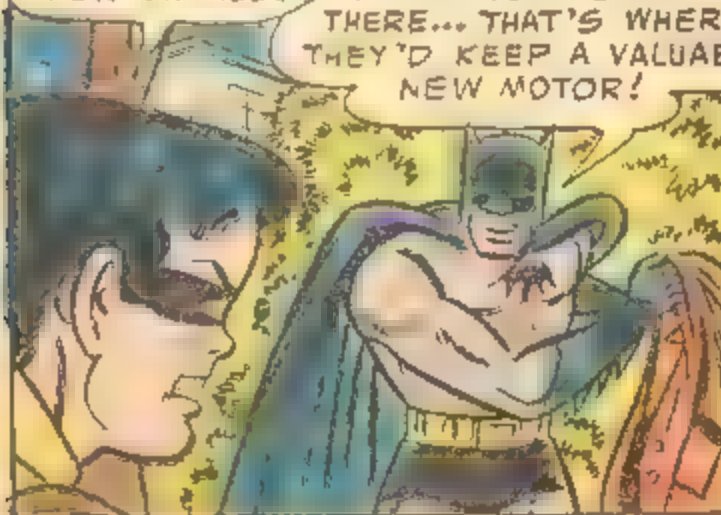
THERE THEY ARE-- TRYING TO OPEN THE SAFE AND STEAL BLUEPRINTS!

BATMAN AND ROBIN! GUN 'EM DOWN!

A LITTLE LATER, BACK OUTSIDE...

ALFRED'S SAFELY OUT OF THE WAY FOR AWHILE!

GOOD! WE'LL LOOK IN THE EXPERIMENTAL LABORATORY OVER THERE... THAT'S WHERE THEY'D KEEP A VALUABLE NEW MOTOR!

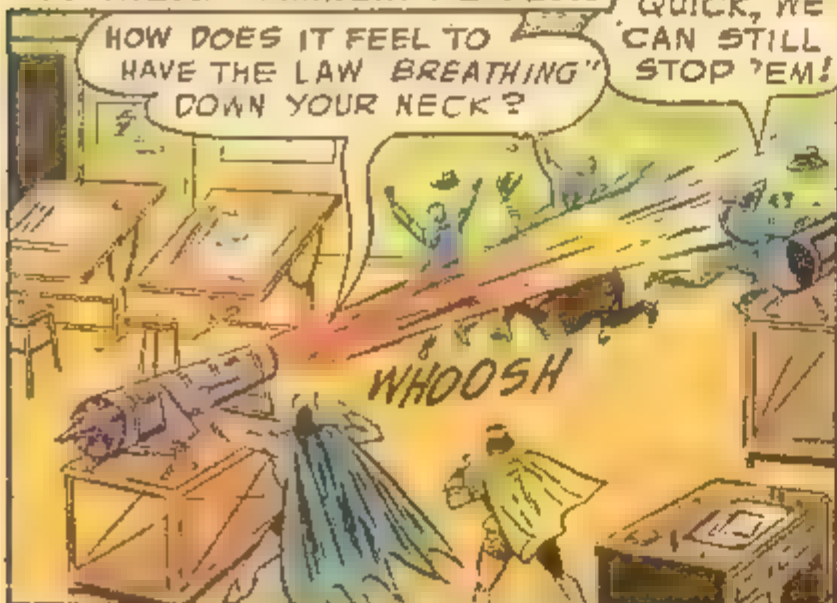




BATMAN



BUT BATMAN'S HAND MOVES SWIFTLY TO AVERT IMMINENT PERIL...



HOW DOES IT FEEL TO HAVE THE LAW BREATHING DOWN YOUR NECK?

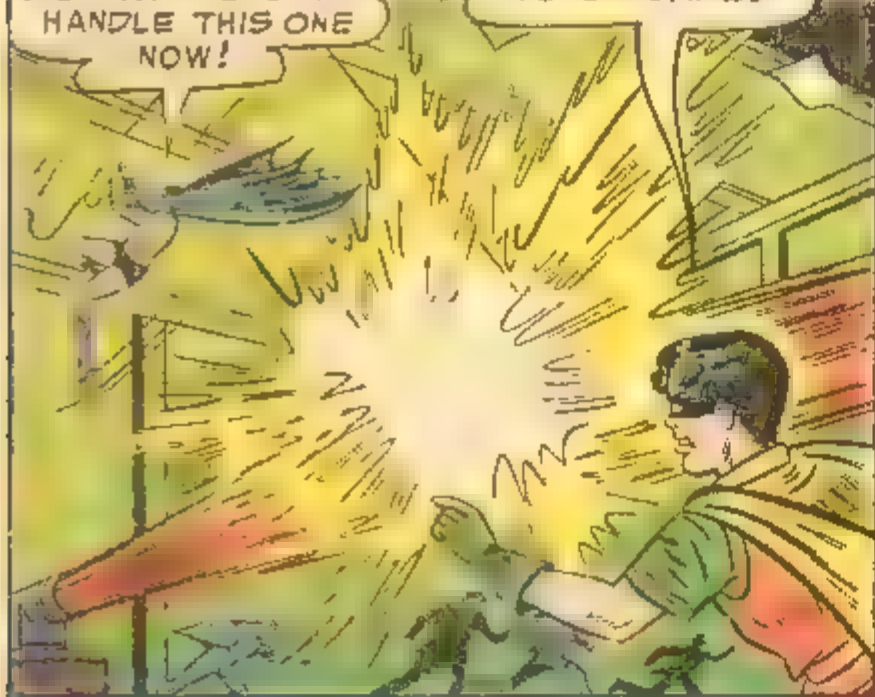
QUICK, WE CAN STILL STOP 'EM!

WHOOSH

LOOPING HIS ROPE OVER A GIRDER, BATMAN SWINGS ABOVE THE TREMENDOUS AIR CURRENTS, SO THAT...

MADE IT! YOU CUT THE FIRST MOTOR, **ROBIN**-- I CAN HANDLE THIS ONE NOW!

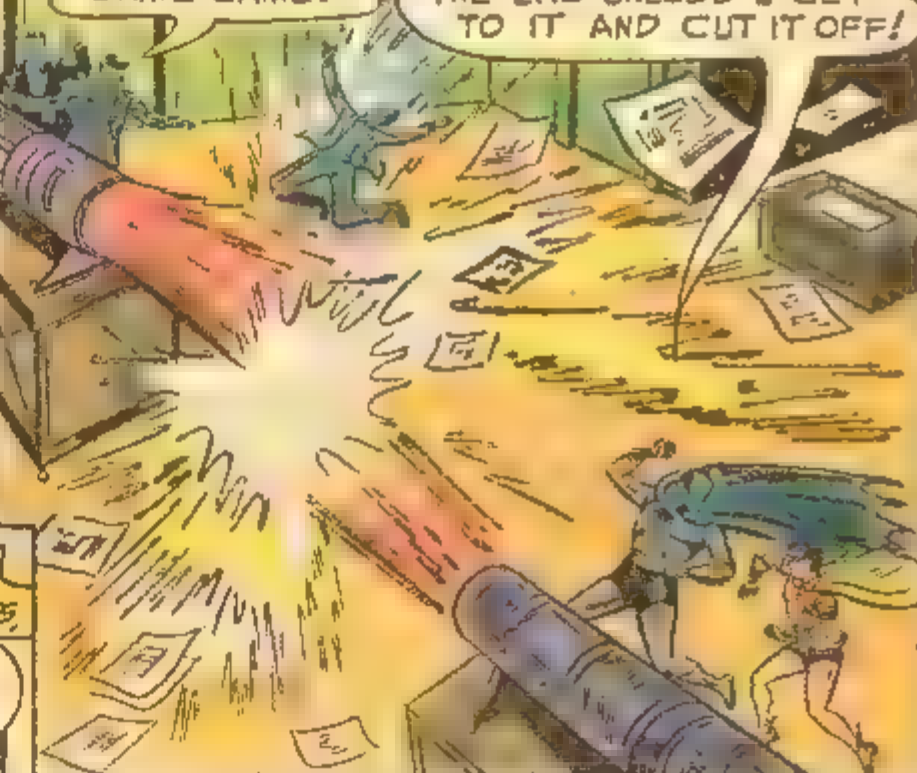
OKAY-- BUT THIS GIVES THOSE CROOKS ALL THE TIME THEY NEED TO ESCAPE!



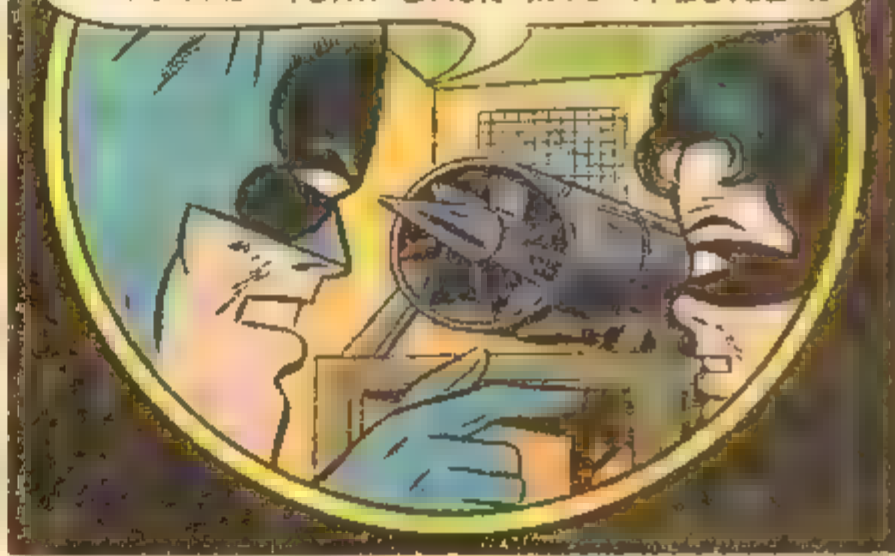
AND A LAWBREAKER IMITATES BATMAN'S OWN STRATAGEM...

TWO CAN PLAY THE SAME GAME!

THEY TURNED THAT OTHER JET ON FULL! IT'LL WRECK THE LAB UNLESS I GET TO IT AND CUT IT OFF!



WELL-- AT LEAST WE SAVED THE PLANS! BETTER FREE ALFRED WHILE I SLIP OUT AND TURN BACK INTO A BUTLER!



SHORTLY AFTER...

SORRY-- ER-- **BATMAN**... I COULDN'T GET THIS DOOR OPEN TLL JUST NOW! DOESN'T MATTER, THOUGH... YOUR PRESENCE HERE WAS ENOUGH TO FRIGHTEN OFF THE THIEVES!

OF COURSE-- THE RASCALS FEAR OUR TEAM! I'M ONLY SORRY I DIDN'T GET MY HANDS ON THEM!

THANKS FOR SAVING OUR PLANS, **BATMAN**! BY THE WAY, WE'RE GIVING OUR NEW MOTOR ITS FIRST AIR-TEST TOMORROW... COULD YOU BE THERE TO KEEP AN EYE ON THINGS?

CERTAINLY! I'LL FLY OUR **BAT-PLANE** BESIDE IT, TO GUARD IT!

OH, NO?

LATER, IN THE BAT-CAVE...

THANKS FOR HELPING ME OUT OF COSTUME, **BRUCE**! YOU MAY LOCK UP THE PLACE NOW, MY MAN!

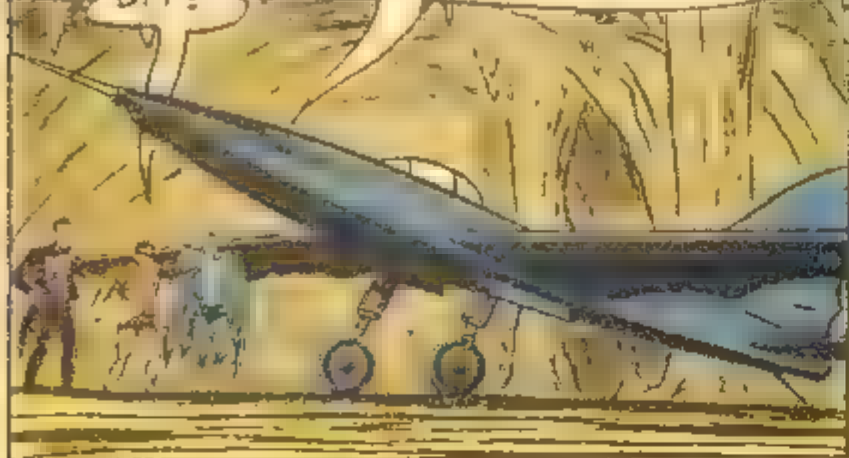
PSST-- **BRUCE**... ALFRED PROMISED TO TAKE THE **BAT-PLANE** UP TO GUARD THAT TEST PLANE TOMORROW-- AND ALFRED CAN'T FLY!



HOW WILL THE DYNAMIC DUO SOLVE THIS ONE? NEXT DAY, AS THE FAMED BAT-PLANE PREPARES TO ROAR FORTH...

BATMAN-- MAY I FLY A LITTLE TO START WITH? YOU CAN--ER-- COACH ME A BIT!

OF COURSE, **ROBIN**-- THOUGH NATURALLY, I'LL HAVE TO TAKE OVER WHEN WE GET INTO REALLY STIFF FLYING!



BUT THE BOY WONDER HAS OTHER PLANS, AS HE TAKES OFF IN GRAND STYLE... ER--ULP-- I

IS THIS THE WAY YOU DO AN OUT-SIDE LOOP, **BATMAN**?

BELIEVE SO... BUT SOMETHING'S UPSET ME A BIT! I THINK I GASP! I'LL LIE DOWN IN THE CABIN AWHILE!



AND NO SOONER DOES THE BAT-PLANE BEGIN ITS GRIM MISSION THAN DANGER APPEARS...

WITHIN A FEW SHORT MINUTES...

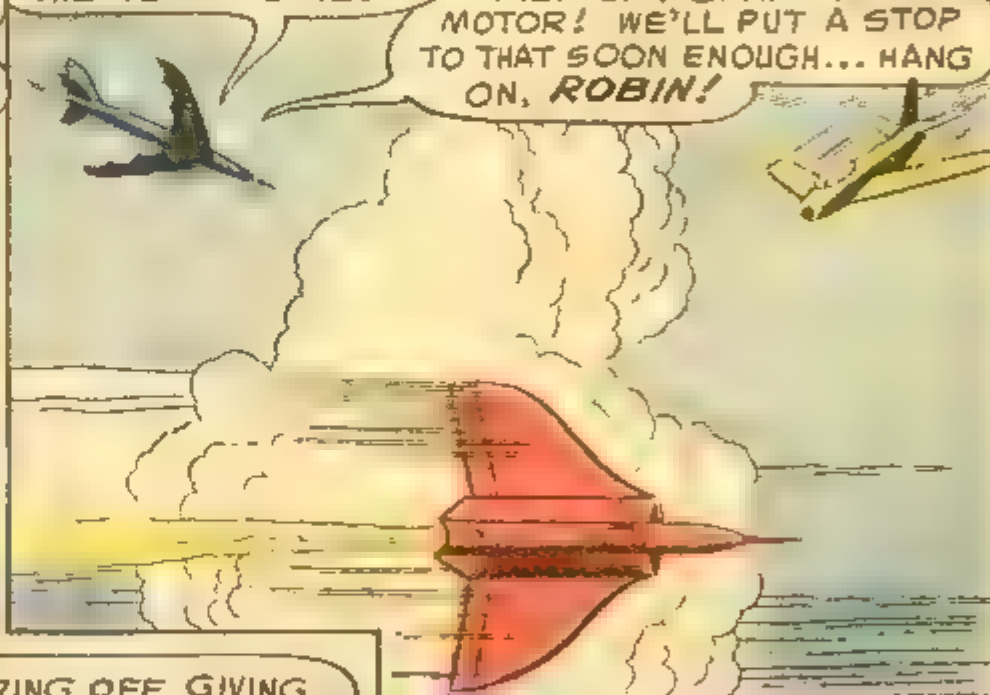
FAST ASLEEP! POOR ALFRED... HE NEVER COULD FLY WITHOUT A LITTLE AIR-SICKNESS!

I WAS CRAMPED, WAITING IN THE LIFE-RAFT LOCKER! BUT NOW WE CAN REALLY GUARD THE NEW FARREL TEST-PLANE!



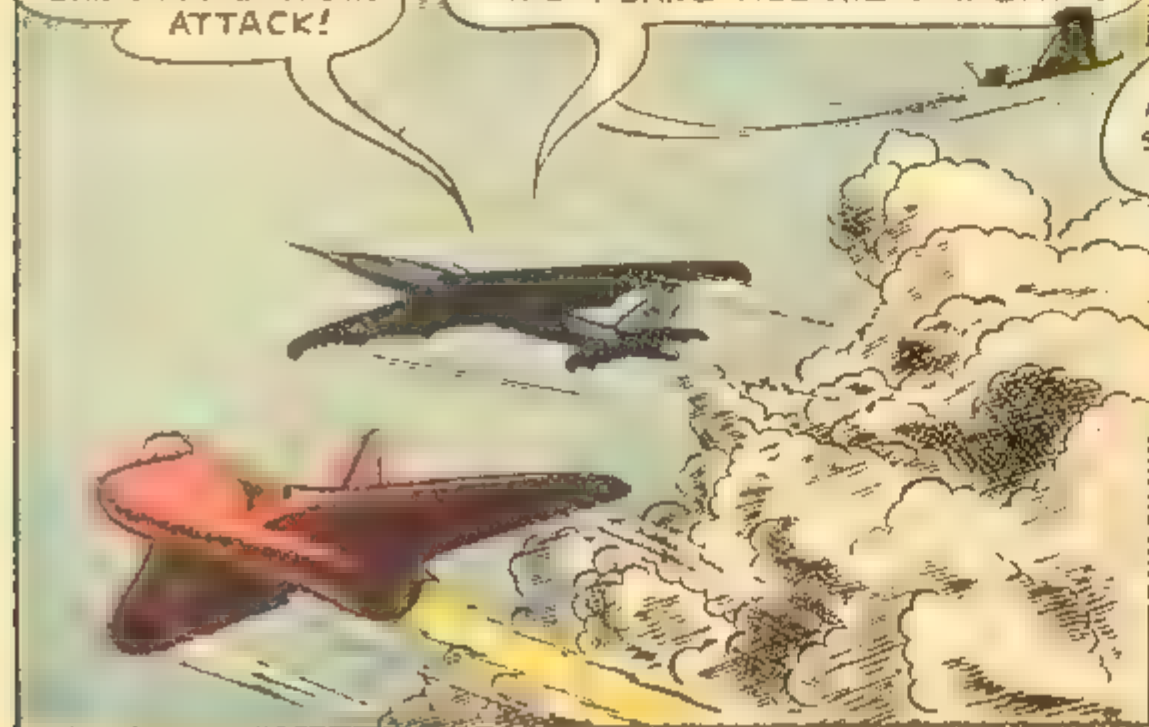
BATMAN, LOOK! THAT PLANE-- DIVING TOWARD THE TEST-PLANE!

THEY'RE GOING TO TRY TO FORCE IT DOWN SO THEY CAN GRAB ITS MOTOR! WE'LL PUT A STOP TO THAT SOON ENOUGH... HANG ON, **ROBIN**!



BY KEEPING AHEAD OF THE TEST-PLANE, AND USING OUR SMOKESCREEN, WE CAN STYMIE THEIR ATTACK!

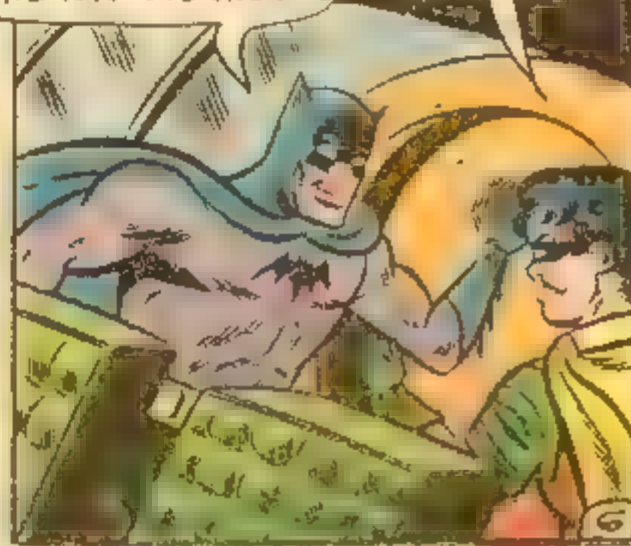
THEY'RE SHEERING OFF, GIVING IT UP! PITY WE CAN'T CHASE THEM, BUT WE HAVE TO GUARD THIS PLANE ALL THE WAY BACK!



SO A LITTLE LATER, BACK AT THE FARREL COMPANY'S AIRSTRIP...

YOU CAN AWAKEN ALFRED NOW... HE SHOULD BE OVER HIS A-R-SICKNESS!

I HATED TO DO IT, BUT IT KEPT HIM OUT OF DANGER!





BATMAN



AND WHEN A CONFUSED ALFRED EMERGES ...

WONDERFUL WORK, BATMAN! OUR TEST-PILOT TOLD ME HOW YOU SAVED HIM!

DID I? ER - I MEAN - I WAS A LITTLE GROGGY, AND CAN'T REMEMBER MUCH!

NOW WE WERE WONDERING IF YOU COULD BE ABOARD OUR JET-MOTORED YACHT WHEN IT GOES ON ITS TRIAL CRUISE, TOMORROW! THE NEW MOTORS WILL REVOLUTIONIZE WATERCRAFT, AND FOR THAT REASON, CRIMINALS MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN THEM!

NEVER FEAR, OLD CHAP! BATMAN AND ROBIN WILL AGAIN BE ON HAND TO PROTECT YOU!

BUT BACK IN THE BAT-CAVE ...

WHAT AN IMPOSSIBLE SITUATION! THERE'S NO WAY YOU CAN REPLACE ALFRED ON THAT CRUISE YET WE STILL DAREN'T TELL HIM HE'S NOT BATMAN!

THERE'S ONE TRICK THAT MIGHT WORK, IF I COULD JUST TALK HIM INTO IT!

ER... DON'T YOU THINK IT WOULD BE A CLEVER STUNT TO LET ME, YOUR BUTLER, POSE AS BATMAN? YOU COULD DISGUISE YOURSELF AS A BUTLER, AND STRIKE DOWN ANY CROOKS UNEXPECTEDLY!

A CAPITAL IDEA, BRUCE! I'LL DO IT! FUNNY, THOUGH--YOU PRETENDING TO BE BATMAN WHILE I POSE AS A BUTLER!

SO WHEN THE REVOLUTIONARY NEW JET-POWERED YACHT SAILS ON ITS SHAKEDOWN CRUISE, THE FOLLOWING MORNING...

WE FEEL MUCH SAFER WITH YOU AND ROBIN ABOARD, BATMAN! SOME RACKETEER SEEMS DETERMINED TO STEAL OUR NEW MOTORS!

THAT BUTLER YOU RECOMMENDED IS A GOOD ONE, TOO!

THEY DON'T SUSPECT I'M REALLY BATMAN! WHAT AN ARTIST AT DISGUISE I AM, IF I SAY SO MYSELF!

AND AS THE YACHT FORGES AT JET-POWERED SPEED INTO THE BROAD OCEAN...

LOOK--UP AHEAD... THAT FISHING SLOOP LOOKS LIKE IT'S IN TROUBLE!

LET'S GO... THEY NEED OUR HELP!



BATMAN



**BUT A DRAMATIC MID-OCEAN RESCUE
SUDDENLY CHANGES TO HIGH-SEAS
HIJACKING!**

WE'RE TAKING
THIS YACHT--
AND ITS
MOTORS!

THE THIEVES, DISGUISED!
AND I THOUGHT WE WERE
SAFE WITH **BATMAN**
ON BOARD!

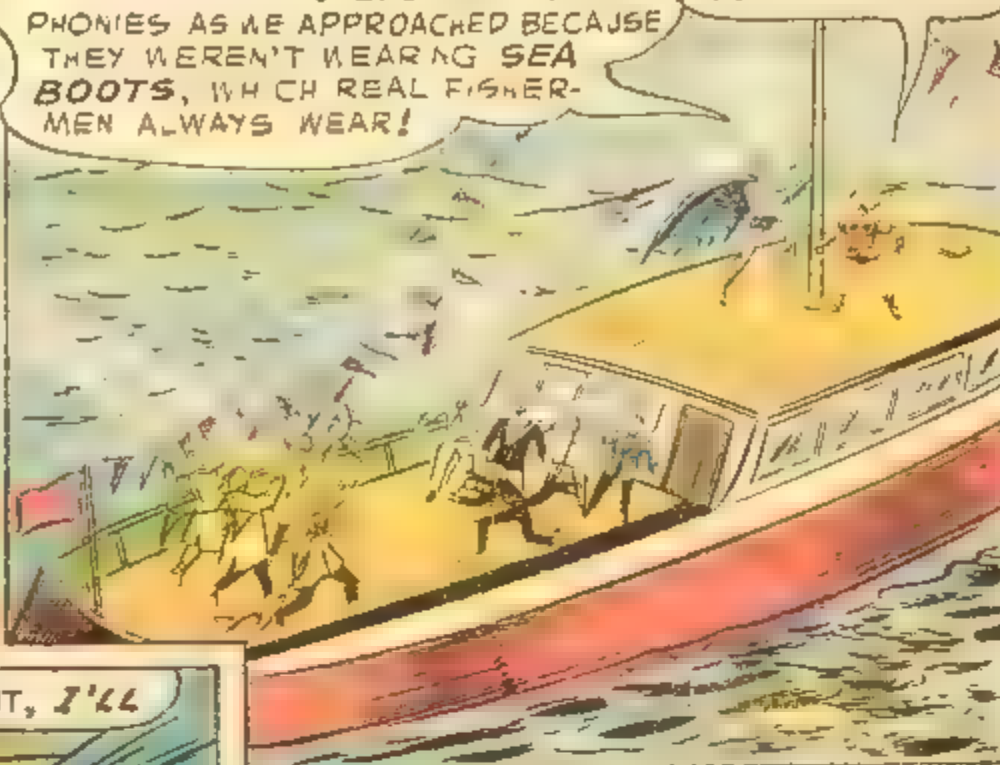


SUDDENLY...

PHONIES AS WE APPROACHED BECAUSE
THEY WEREN'T WEARING **SEA
BOOTS**, WHICH REAL FISHER-
MEN ALWAYS WEAR!

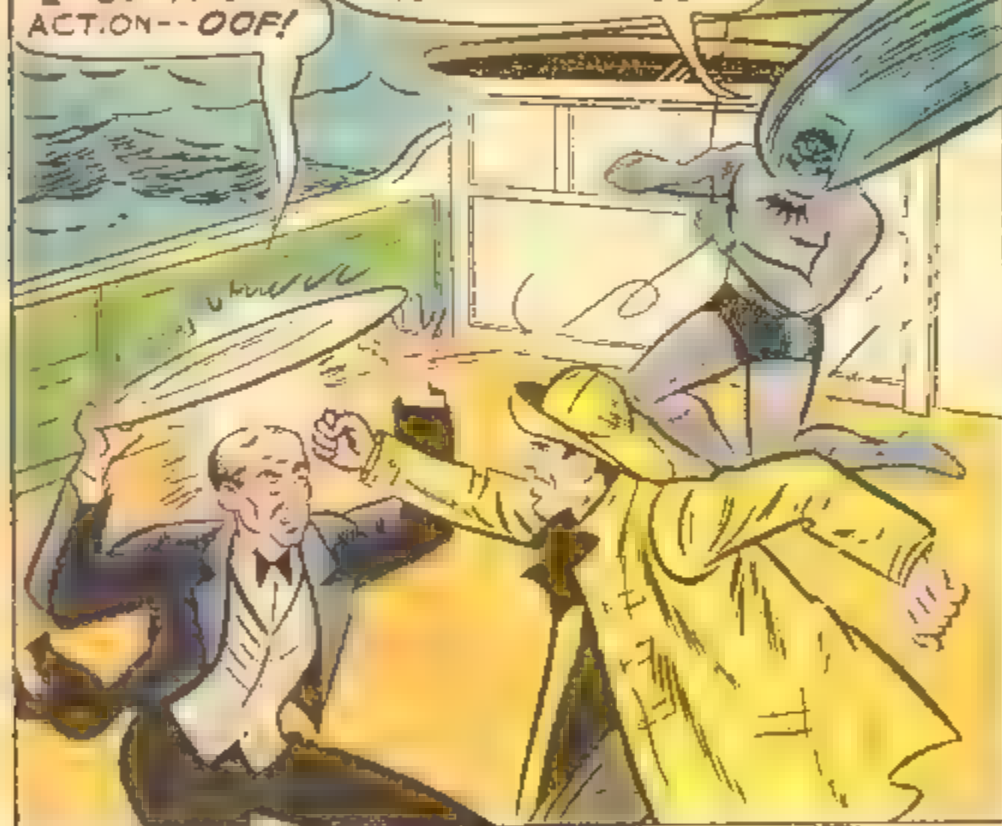
YOU WERE SAFE...
I SPOTTED THESE

ALFRED, LOOK
OUT-- STAY BACK!



HERE'S WHERE
I GO INTO
ACTION-- OOF!

SINCE YOU WANT TO FIGHT, I'LL
ACCOMMODATE YOU!



**THE FLYING FISTS OF THE DYNAMIC DUO
SOON SUBDUDE THE STRUGGLING THIEVES,
AND THEN...**

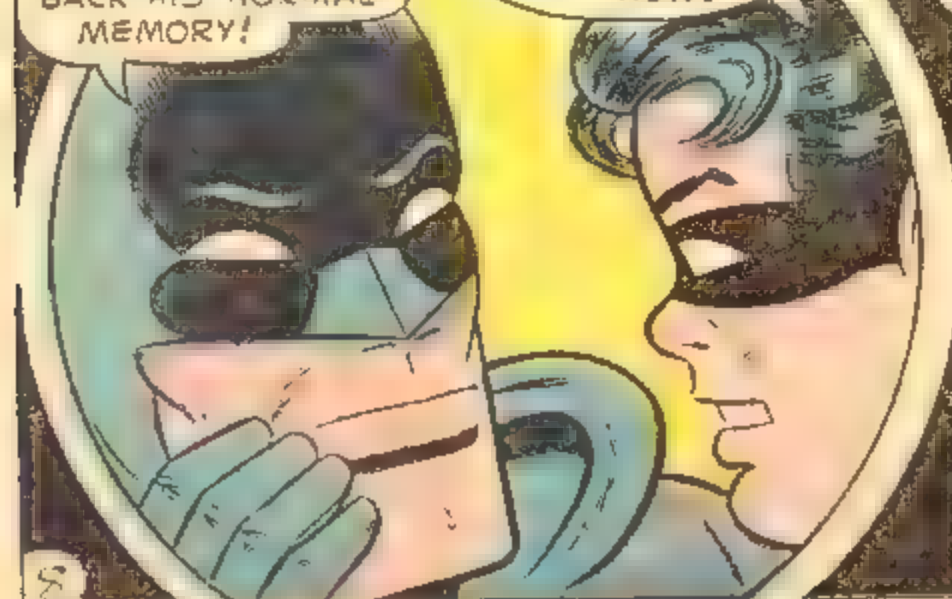
WHY, WHAT AM I DOING
HERE? LAST THING I
REMEMBER, I WAS
DUSTING OUT THE
BAT-CAVE BEFORE
DINNER, AND...

SHH, ALFRED... WE'LL
YOU'VE GOT EX-
PLAIN EVERY-
YOUR OWN THING
MEMORY BACK AGAIN, LATER!
THAT'S ALL!



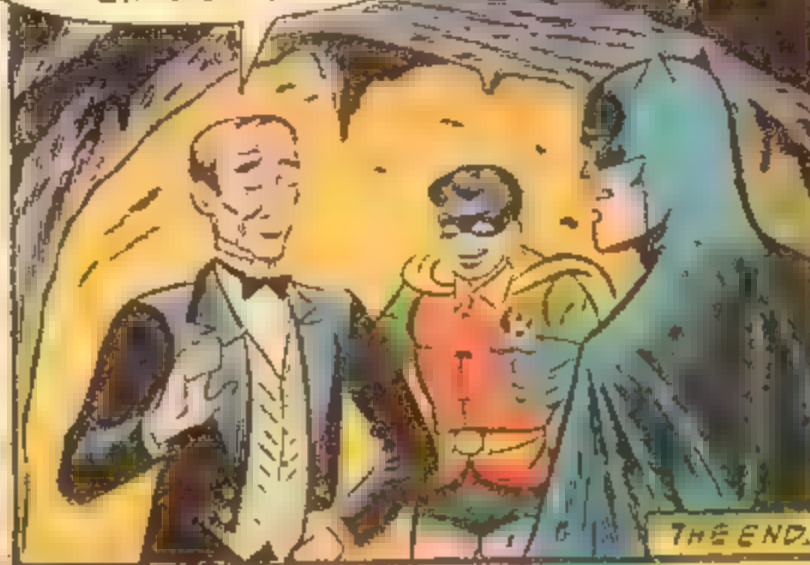
THE SECOND SHOCK
CAME WHEN HE WAS
BEING HIMSELF-- A
BUTLER-- AND BROUGHT
BACK HIS NORMAL
MEMORY!

AND SINCE WE'VE GOT THE
THIEVES WHO WERE AFTER
FARREL'S MOTORS, WE
CAN GO BACK HOME
NOW!

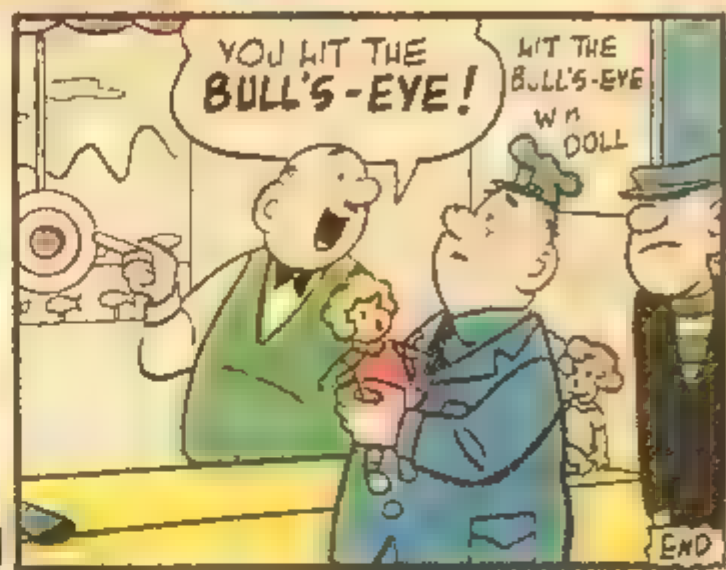
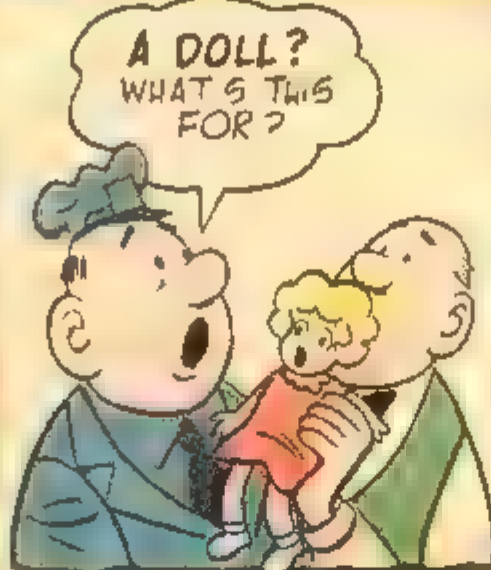
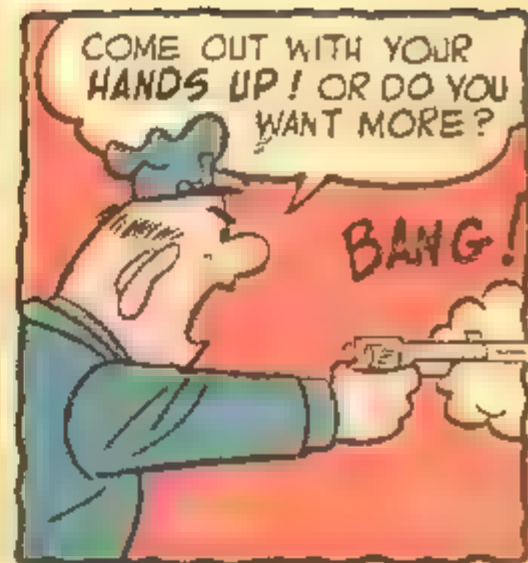
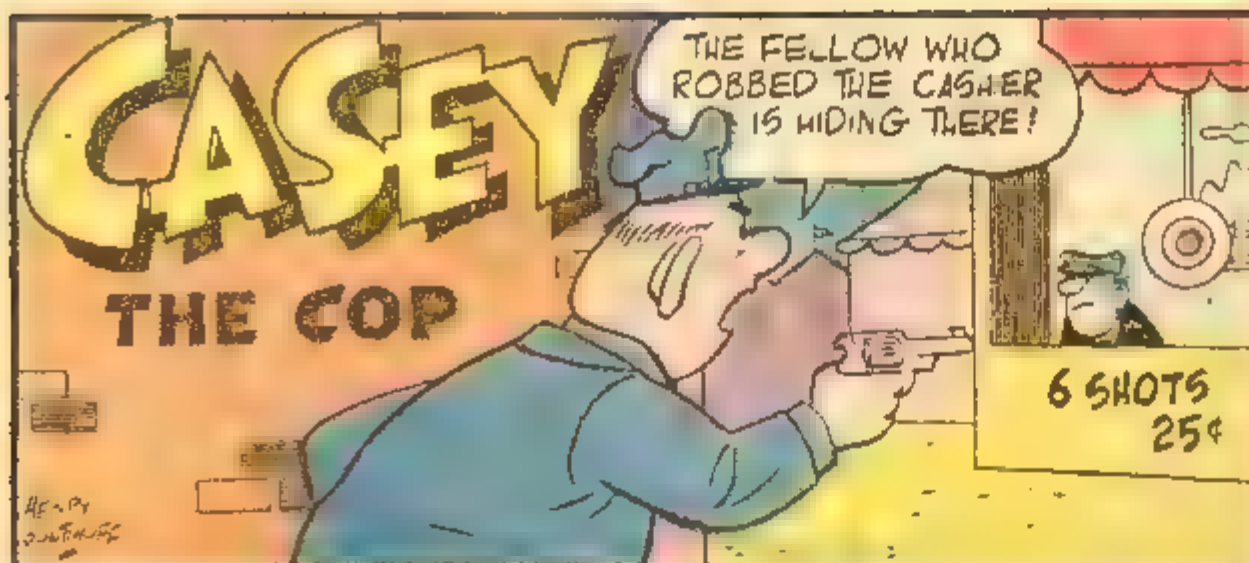


AND SO, PRESENTLY...
A REMARKABLE DECISION,
THAT I WAS **BATMAN**!
BUT IT SEEMS THAT I DID
VERY WELL IN THAT ROLE,
EH WOT?

ALFRED, YOU WERE
A LOT BETTER
BATMAN THAN
BATMAN WAS
A BUTLER!



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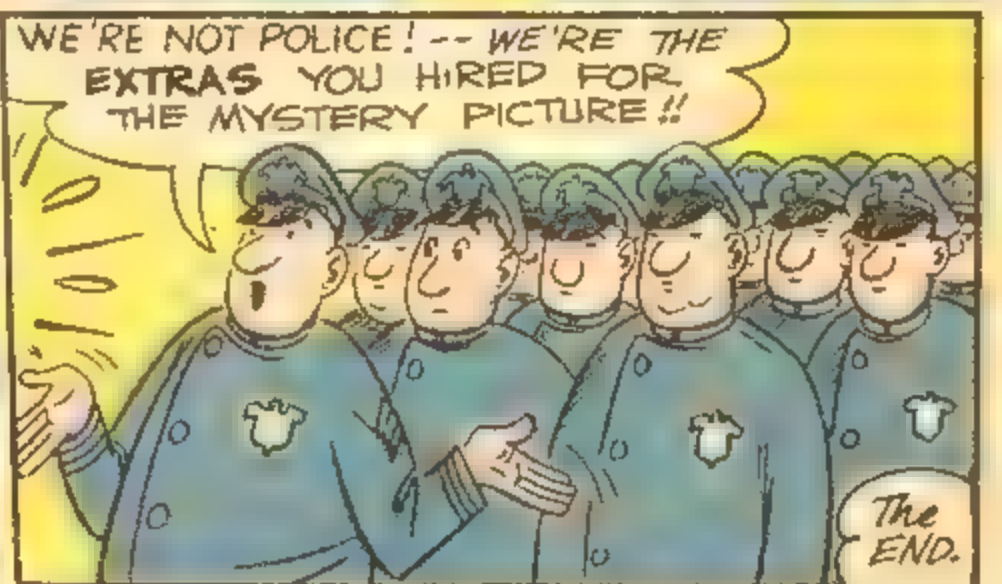
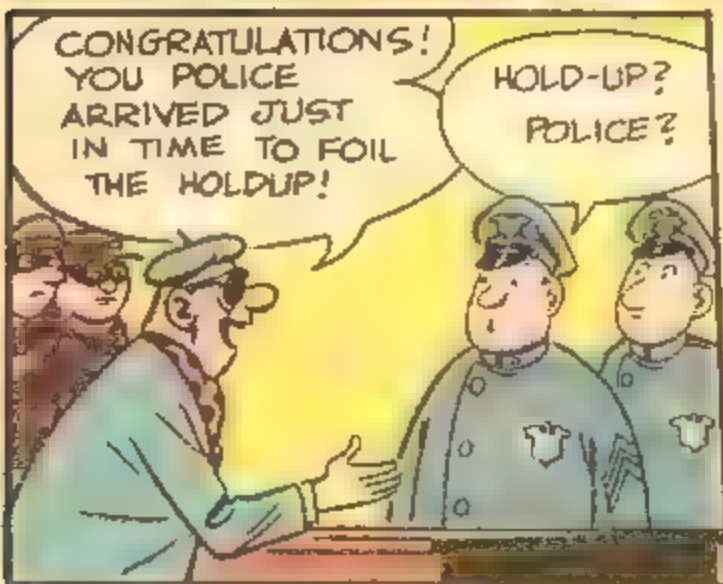
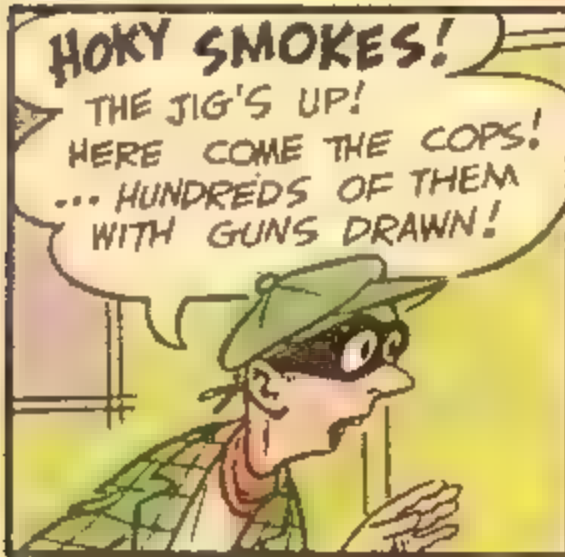
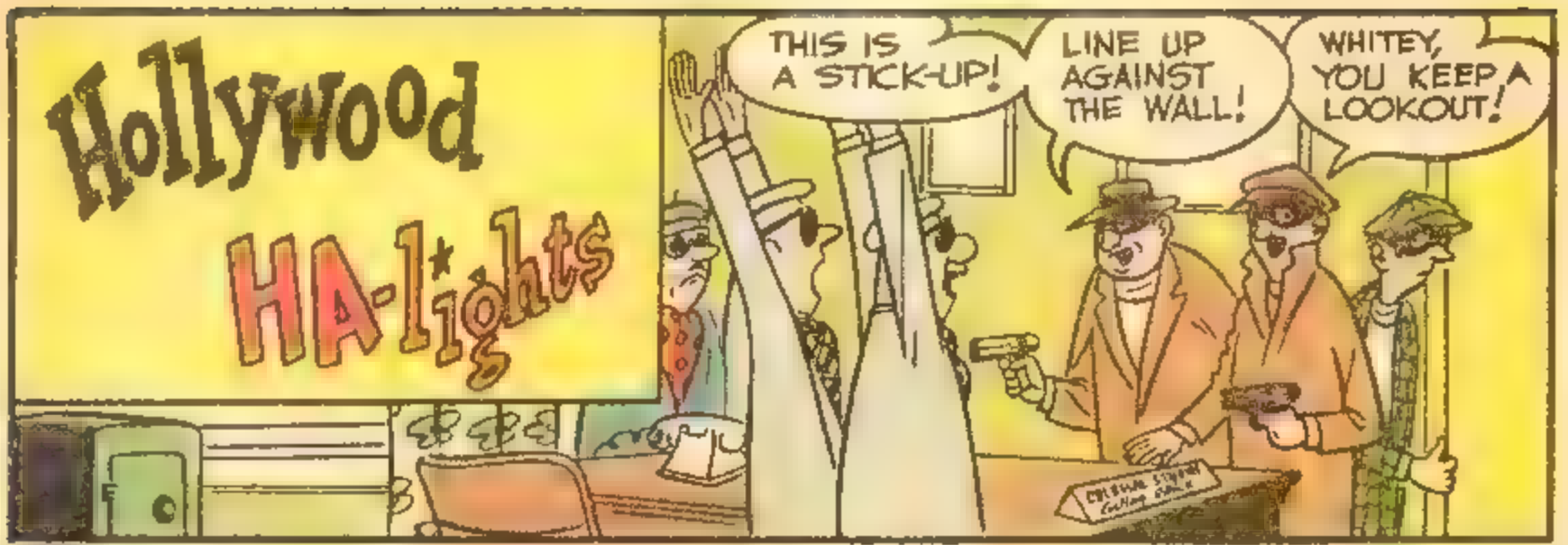
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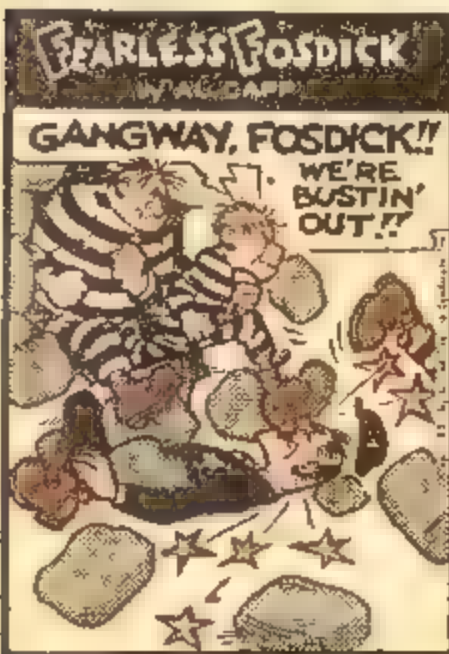


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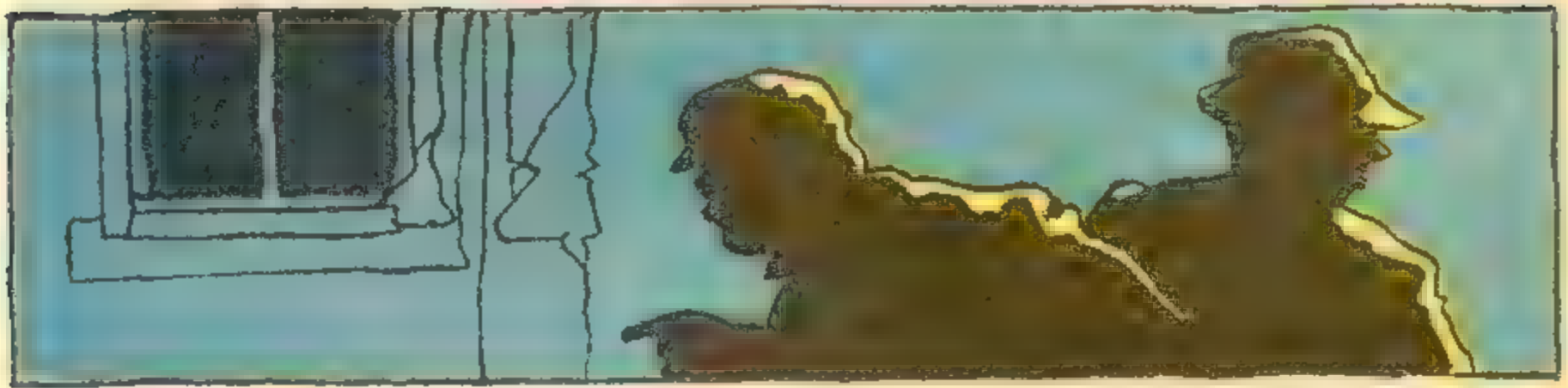
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BOOBY-TRAPS FOR BURGLARS



Thanks to New Police Gimmicks, Confused Crooks Don't Know Whether They're Coming or Going

ON a dark, moonless night, not long ago, two masked figures carefully examined the side window of a large warehouse. They knew exactly what to look for in the way of burglar alarms—or thought so.

After expertly snipping the familiar tell-tale wires that might loudly announce their presence with a clanging alarm, the two men silently broke the window pane and gained entry into the building.

But, less than a fraction of a minute later, a police sergeant was dispatching two squad cars to the scene of the attempted robbery.

The amazed crooks were handcuffed even before they had all of their tools out, and gave up without a struggle.

Naturally, the arresting police officers didn't bother to explain to the perplexed burglars, but the thing that had tipped them off was a half-inch strip of aluminum foil that had been set up around the window pane.

When the crooks broke the pane, the electric-current in the aluminum foil was broken. This interruption sounded the alarm in the local office of a tele-

graph company. The bulletin was instantly relayed to the police.

Although it was a private company that sold and installed the new gimmick to foil burglars, that company, like similar ones throughout the country enjoys the full cooperation of the Federal Bureau of Investigation as well as local police forces.

With the introduction of these new gimmicks, confused crooks don't know whether they're coming or going. For instance, a smug, experienced thug recently broke into a jewelry store. One glance at the safe in the rear of the store filled him with satisfaction. He was carrying all the necessary tools to open it within an hour.

But the thug first conducted a thorough examination of the area around the safe. Finally, he found the object of his search: a thin wire of the type used in all burglar alarms.

With a contemptuous snort, the thug expertly snipped the wire. It was that act that led to his undoing. For a reverse gag had been used. It had been intended for the burglar to find the "burglar alarm wire." Only this time,

it was the snipping of the wire, ordinarily the thing to do to prevent an alarm, that had actually sent in the alarm.

Whenever possible, booby-traps are devised that take advantage of the typical crook's thoroughness. For instance, a gang recently spent three months casing a big wholesale fur house.

Careful observation revealed that the night watchman, in making his rounds, pulled the various patrol boxes located in several parts of the warehouses at definite times.

They knew that if the watchman failed to pull any particular patrol box at the scheduled time, his failure to do so would bring a couple of squad cars to the spot in a hurry. Accordingly, on the night of the crime, the gang broke in, and one of their number stuck his gun into the ribs of the watchman.

"I'm going along with you," he warned, "so that you can keep on pulling the patrol boxes. I know exactly at what times you're supposed to pull them, so don't try anything funny."

On the face of it, the crooks should have pulled off a successful robbery. But they didn't.

For one thing that they couldn't possibly observe while casing the job was that the night watchman, in pulling a patrol box, bent the lever to the right. On the night in question, with a thug holding a gun in his ribs, he simply bent the lever to the left.

The leftward motion was a signal that burglars were in the warehouse.

Burglars would go out of business if they knew of the amazing booby-traps now being tested. One concerns the use of ultrasonic waves.

In this booby-trap, the place to be guarded is filled with ultrasonic waves of such high frequency that the human ear cannot hear it. When a person enters this room, his body disturbs the pattern these waves make, and the disturbance sets off a tell-tale alarm.

In another remarkable booby-trap now coming out of the testing stage, radio waves are employed. Here, the area to be protected is surrounded by radio waves. The "listener" or operator at the other end, hears a long, undisturbed hum.

But let someone enter the booby-trapped room. The radio waves begin swirling about, and, on the other end, the listener hears the kind of static you might hear on your radio during an electrical storm. That static is the burglar alarm.

In recent cases, burglars have succeeded in breaking into banks only to get fouled up when they touched the booby-trapped safe handle.

The magic eye is being used more and more as a booby trap. Even small stores have found it pays to install the invisible beam.

The magic eye is a simple but remarkable method of notifying the law that an unwanted person has entered a place he has no rightful, lawful right to enter. Its invisible beam of light, focused upon a photoelectric cell, sends out an S.O.S. whenever that beam is crossed.

Police are confident that these amazing new boobytraps will considerably cut down the number of burglaries.

—Jack E. Miller

BATMAN

ROBIN

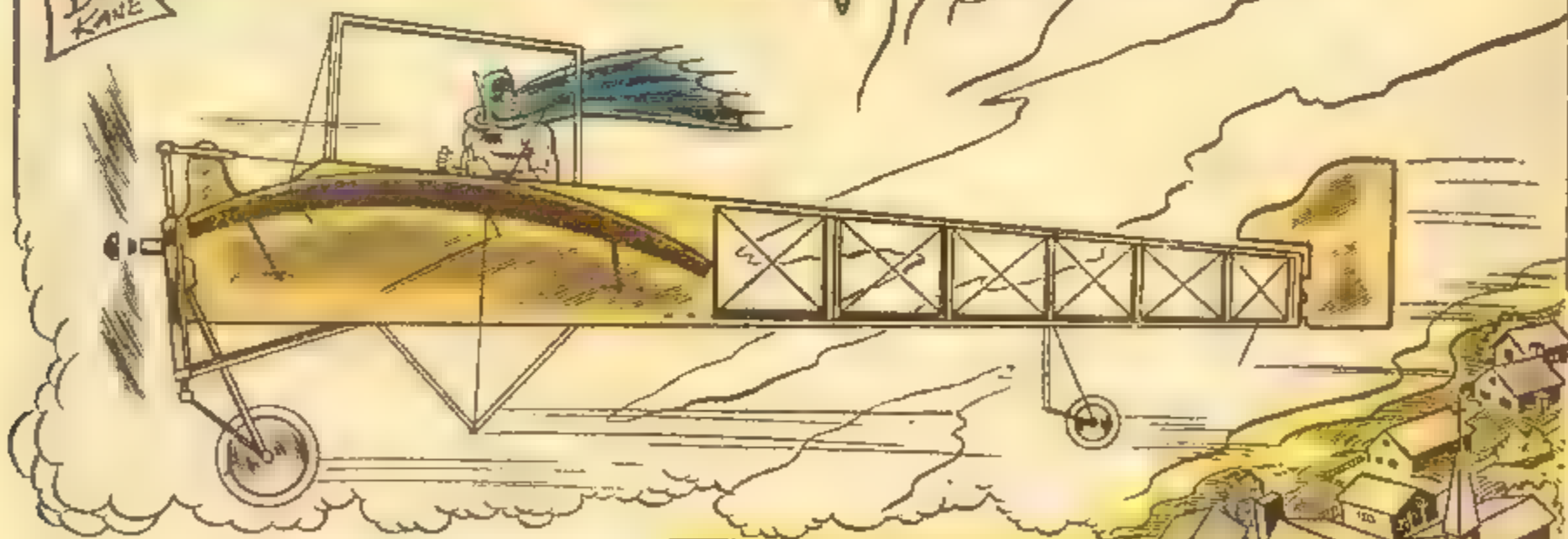
THE BOY WONDER

STRANGE AND GROTESQUE WERE THE WORLD'S FIRST AIRPLANES, BALLOONS AND DIRIGIBLES INVENTED BY GENIUSES WHO DREAMT OF FLYING. THOSE WEIRD FIRST FLYING-MACHINES ARE PRECIOUS RELICS NOW-- BUT BATMAN AND ROBIN FIND PRESENT-DAY PERIL IN THEM WHEN THE DYNAMIC DUO SEEKS TO SOLVE THE MENACING...

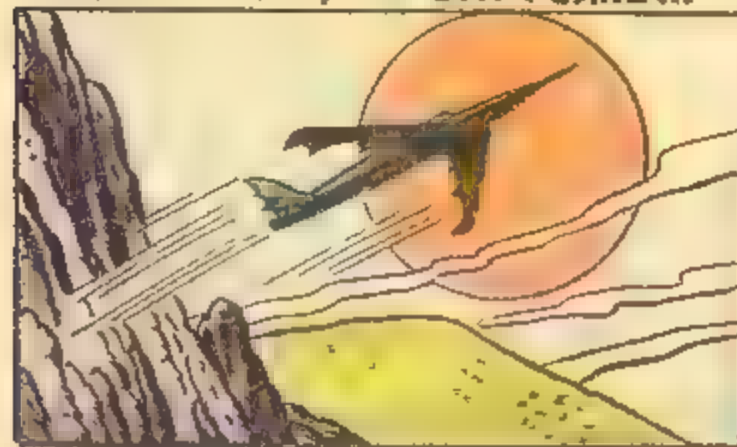
MYSTERY OF THE SKY MUSEUM!



BOB KANE



OUT FROM THE SECRET BAT-CAVE SWEEPS THAT BLACK-WINGED SUPER-MODERN CRAFT, THE BAT-PLANE...



...BEARING BATMAN AND ROBIN ON A FATEFUL FLIGHT INTO YESTERDAY!

DIDN'T COMMISSIONER GORDON KNOW WHAT THE TROUBLE WAS, BATMAN?

NO, ROBIN-- HE TOLD ME ONLY THAT WILLIAM MALCOLM, CURATOR OF THE SKY MUSEUM, PHONED AND ASKED FOR OUR HELP AT ONCE! I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT SORT OF TROUBLE A PLACE LIKE THAT COULD BE HAVING!





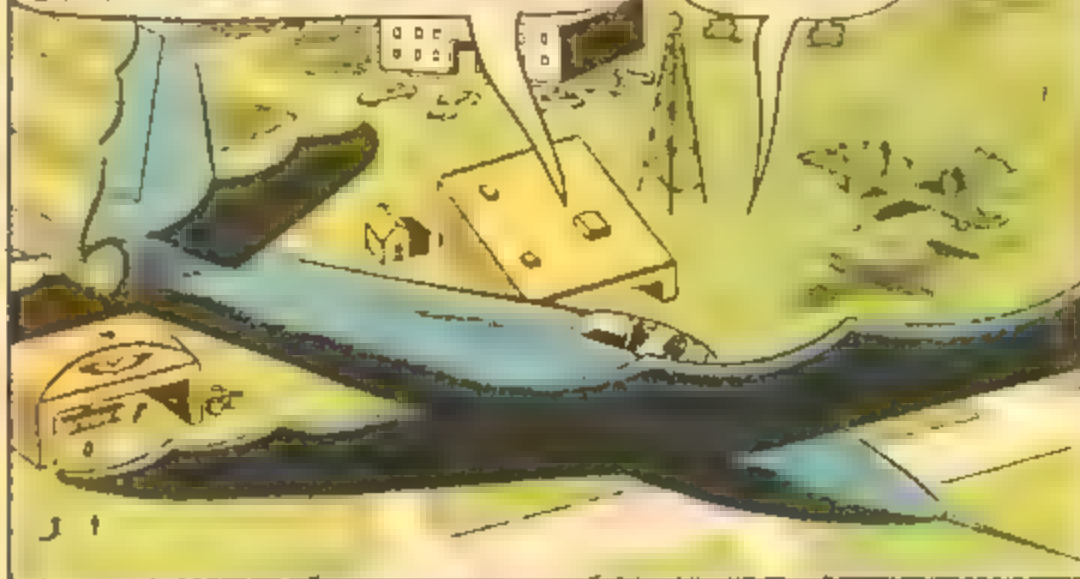
BATMAN



THE GREAT SKY MUSEUM, OUTSIDE GOTHAM CITY, IS A STRANGE PLACE INDEED...

THE WORLD'S GREATEST COLLECTION OF ANCIENT AIRSHIPS AND PLANES! WOW, LOOK AT THAT OLD **BENSON-STRINGFELLOW** FLIER, BELOW US!

THAT OLD PLANE'S WOBBLING OUT OF CONTROL! THE PILOT'S IN TROUBLE!



AND INSIDE THE TEETERING PIONEER PLANE... THE RUDDER CONTROL-WIRES BROKE... I'M SIDE-SLIPPING...



AND AFTER A QUICK LANDING...

THIS MAN'S BADLY STUNNED SOMEONE CALL AN AMBULANCE!

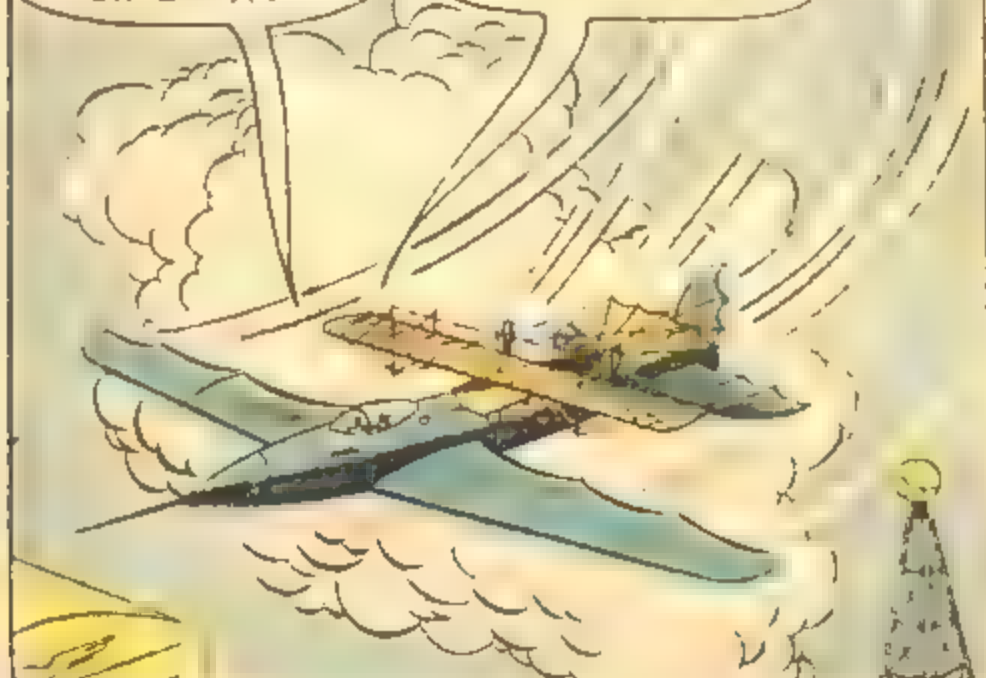
WHY-- IT'S MR. MALCOLM, CURATOR OF THE MUSEUM!



DOWN TO THE RESCUE STREAKS THE BAT-PLANE...

WE CAN CUSHION THE SHOCK BY GETTING UNDER IT!

IT'S HITTING THE **BAT-PLANE** HARD, BUT WE CAN TAKE IT!



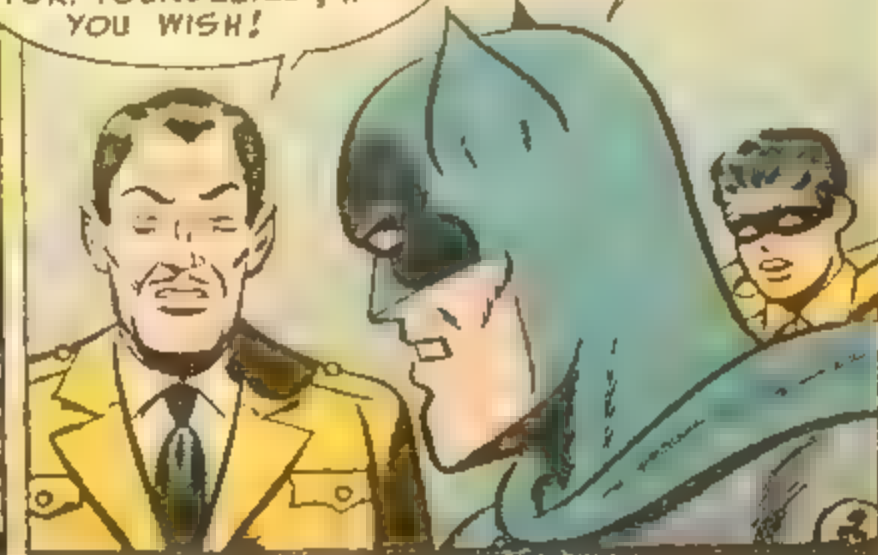
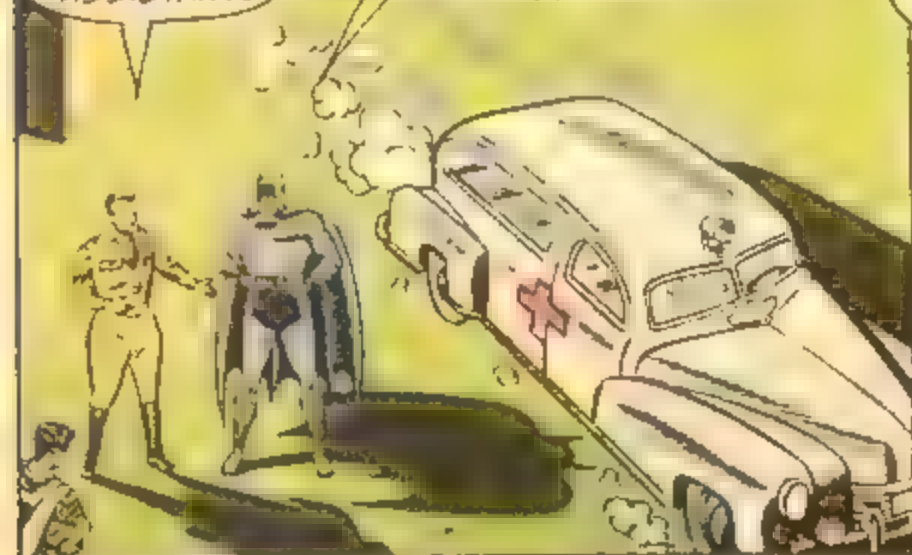
SOON...

I'M JOHN GOSS, **BATMAN**--MR. MALCOLM'S ASSISTANT!

THE DOCTORS SAY THE CONCUSSION WILL KEEP HIM IN A COMA FOR DAYS-- SO MAYBE **YOU** CAN TELL US WHY HE SENT FOR US, MR. GOSS!

SORRY-- BUT I CAN'T! I HAD NO IDEA ANYTHING WAS WRONG HERE... BUT YOU CAN LOOK OVER THE MUSEUM FOR YOURSELVES, IF YOU WISH!

WE WILL! BUT FIRST, WE MUST SEE THAT THE **BAT-PLANE** IS NOT DAMAGED!



AFTER A KEEN EXAMINATION...

THE **BAT-PLANE** IS ALL RIGHT, BUT THIS OLD RELIC WAS **SABOTAGED** BEFORE MALCOLM FLEW IT! LOOK... ITS RUDDER CONTROL WIRES ARE HALF THROUGH AND HALF FILED BROKEN!

THEN SOMEONE HERE WANTED TO KEEP MALCOLM FROM TALKING TO US! BUT WHO?

I CAN'T IMAGINE. NOBODY HERE WOULD TRY TO HARM MALCOLM! OUR MECHANICS AND PILOTS ARE ALL FINE MEN!

I'D STILL LIKE TO ASK THEM A FEW QUESTIONS-- AND LOOK AROUND! **SOMETHING'S WRONG HERE!**

HERE'S JIM MEECHER, WHO'S RESTORING THIS FINE OLD **MAXIM FLYING-MACHINE!**

YOU'RE WASTING EVERYBODY'S TIME, **BATMAN!** THERE'S NOTHING HERE TO STEAL BUT THESE RELICS-- AND NO CRIMINAL COULD BENEFIT FROM THEM!

AND HERE'S FRANK FRAWLEY. HE WAS A PILOT IN THE OLD DAYS!

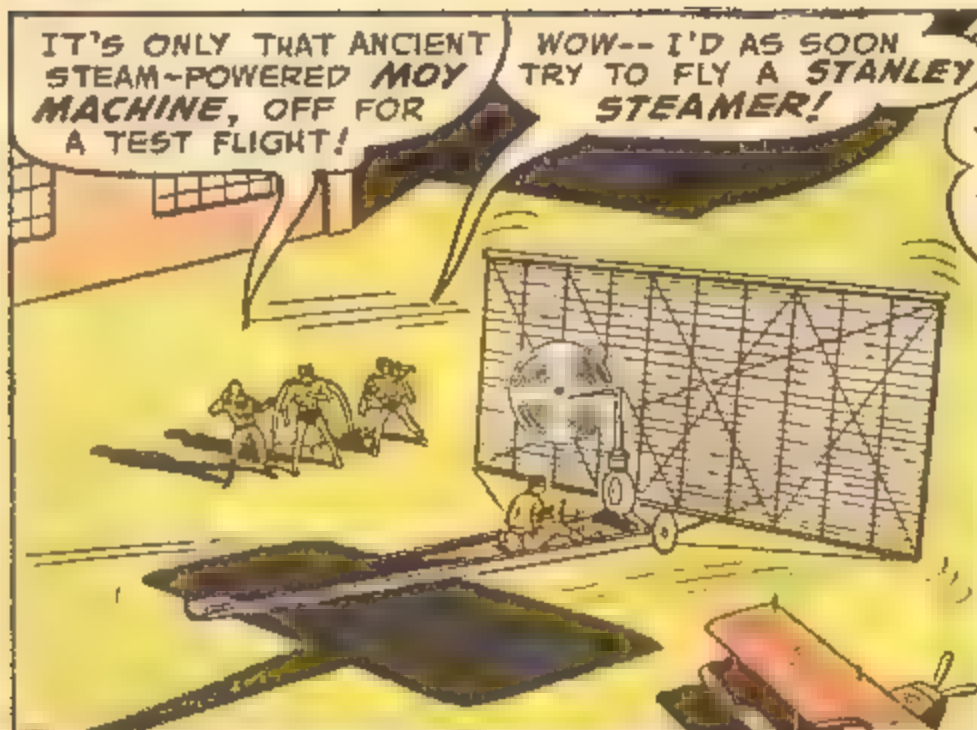
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG HERE-- EXCEPT THAT THAT FANCY **BAT-PLANE** OF YOURS SPOILS THE LOOKS OF OUR EXHIBITION! I'LL BE GLAD WHEN YOU GET THE THING OUT OF HERE!

THESE MEN DON'T SEEM TO WELCOME MY INVESTIGATION!

OH, THEY JUST DON'T LIKE MODERN PLANES AND PILOTS! BUT COME... NOW I WANT TO SHOW YOU MY OWN SPECIAL PRIDE-- OUR 1914 GERMAN **ZEPPELIN!**

IT'S THE LAST REAL **ZEPPELIN** LEFT... I PERSONALLY HAVE BEEN RESTORING IT TO FLY IN OUR COMING **PAGEANT OF THE SKY**, FOR ALL GOTHAM CITY TO SEE!

GOSH, I NEVER REALIZED HOW BIG THESE OLD SHIPS OF THE AIR WERE! SAY-- WHAT'S THAT SOUND?

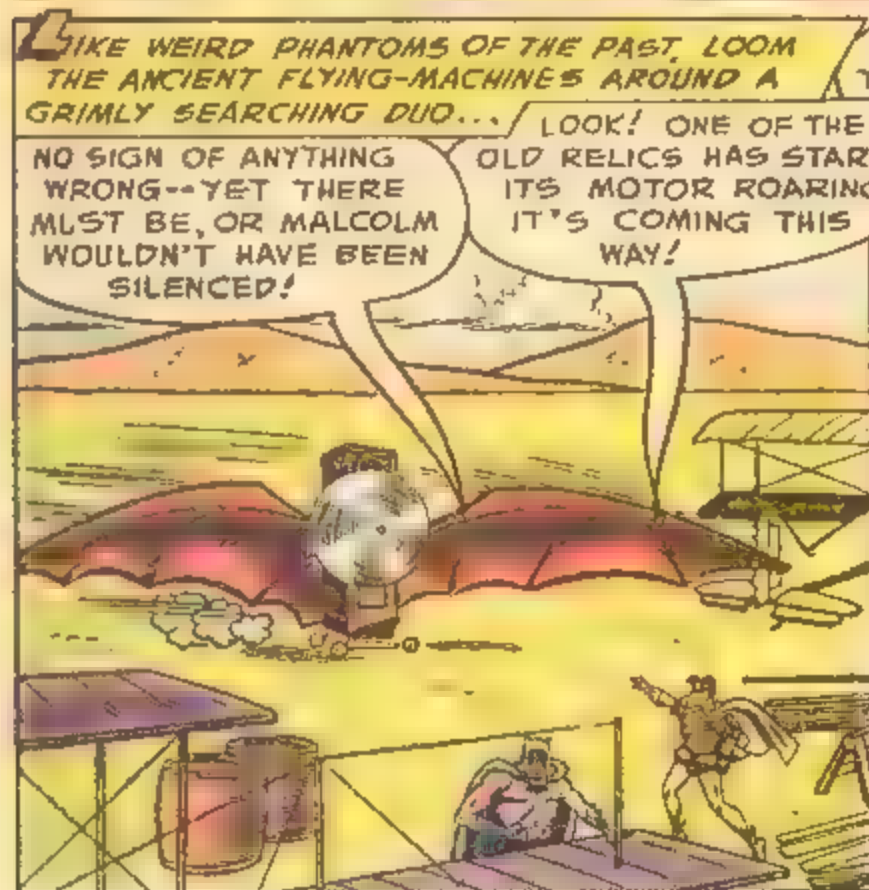


IT'S ONLY THAT ANCIENT STEAM-POWERED **MOY MACHINE**, OFF FOR A TEST FLIGHT!

WOW-- I'D AS SOON TRY TO FLY A **STANLEY STEAMER!**

IF YOU WANT TO INVESTIGATE THE REST OF THE PLACE, YOU ARE FREE TO DO SO! MEAN-TIME, I'LL LOOK THROUGH MR. MALCOLM'S PAPERS TO SEE IF HE LEFT ANY NOTES ON WHAT HE SUSPECTED!

GOOD--WE'LL CHECK WITH YOU LATER! COME ON, **ROBIN!**



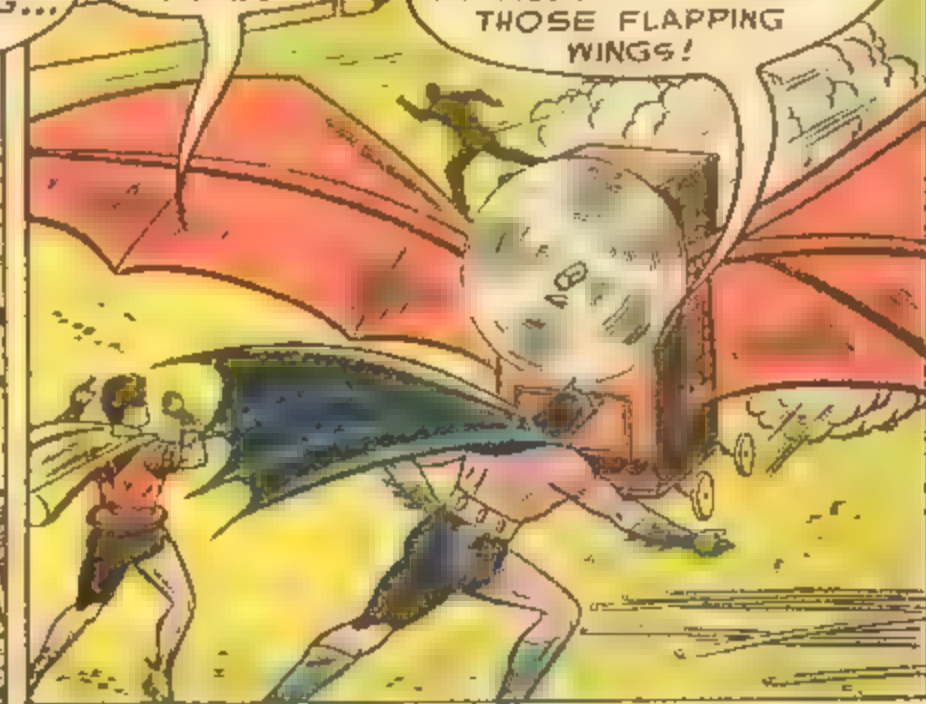
LIKE WEIRD PHANTOMS OF THE PAST, LOOM THE ANCIENT FLYING-MACHINES AROUND A GRIMLY SEARCHING DUO...

NO SIGN OF ANYTHING WRONG--YET THERE MUST BE, OR MALCOLM WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN SILENCED!

LOOK! ONE OF THE OLD RELICS HAS STARTED ITS MOTOR ROARING... IT'S COMING THIS WAY!

AND THERE GOES THE MAN WHO STARTED THAT PLANE AT US... HE'S RUNNING AWAY!

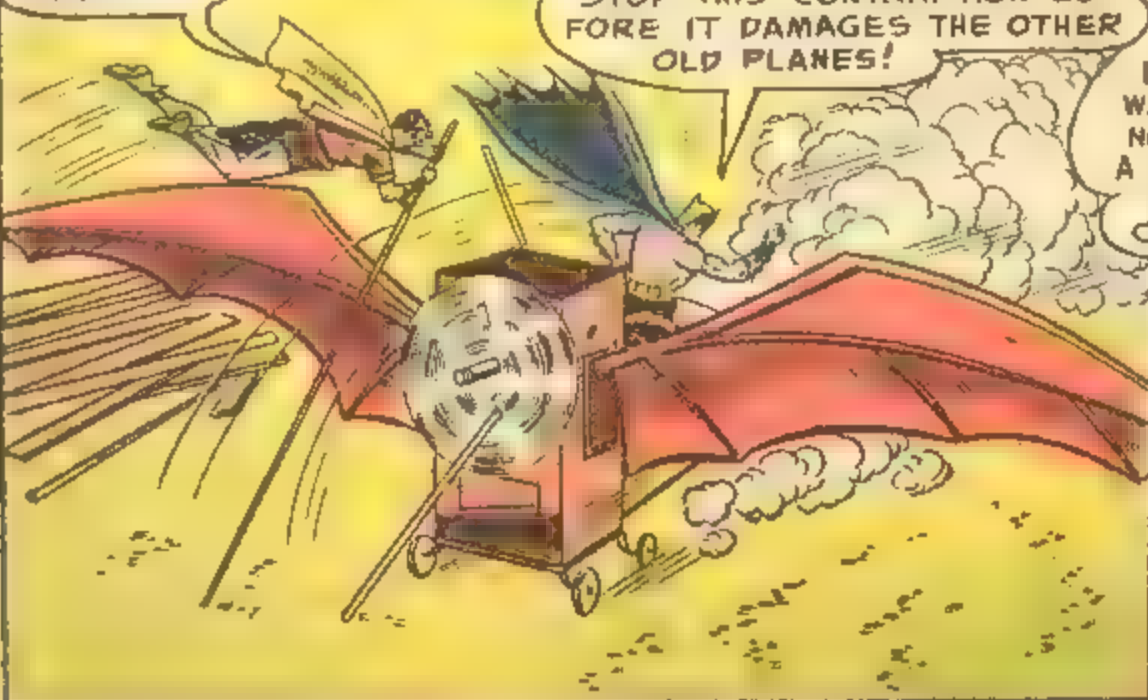
AND I KNOW HIM... BUT WE'LL WORRY ABOUT HIM LATER! QUICK, GRAB ONE OF THESE SLATS... WE MUST GET OVER THOSE FLAPPING WINGS!



AND WITH A MIGHTY, GRACEFUL VAULT... MADE IT!

HELP ME WITH THE CONTROLS, SO WE CAN STOP THIS CONTRAPTION BEFORE IT DAMAGES THE OTHER OLD PLANES!

SOON... YES, ONE OF SEVERAL WANTED CROOKS WHO HAVE MANAGED TO SLIP OUT OF GOTHAM CITY WITHOUT A TRACE LATELY! COME ON, WE'LL TELL GOSS ABOUT THIS!





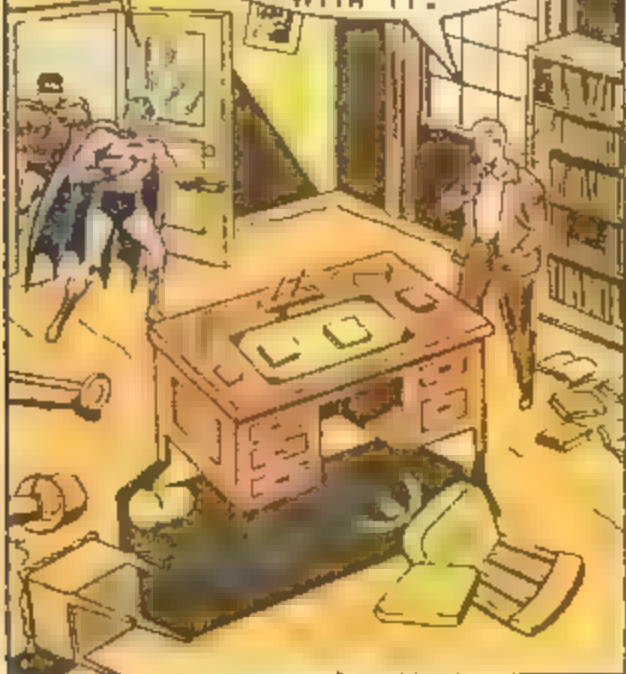
BATMAN



BUT IN THE SKY MUSEUM'S ADMINISTRATION OFFICE, THEY FIND A SINISTER SURPRISE.

WHERE IS GOSS, MEECHER?

I DON'T KNOW! LOOKS LIKE HE WAS OVER-POWERED AND TAKEN AWAY, BUT I HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH IT!



GOSS WAS PLANNING TO GO THROUGH MALCOLM'S PAPERS TO FIND OUT WHAT MALCOLM SUSPECTED--BUT IT LOOKS LIKE SOMEBODY STOPPED HIM BEFORE HE COULD EVEN START!

WE'VE GOT TO FIND HIM, RIGHT AWAY! COME ON!



MOMENTS LATER, OUTSIDE...

YOU TAKE THAT END OF THE FIELD, **ROBIN**, AND I'LL TAKE THIS! AND YOU, MEECHER--ROUND UP EVERY MAN IN THE MUSEUM SO I CAN QUESTION THEM!

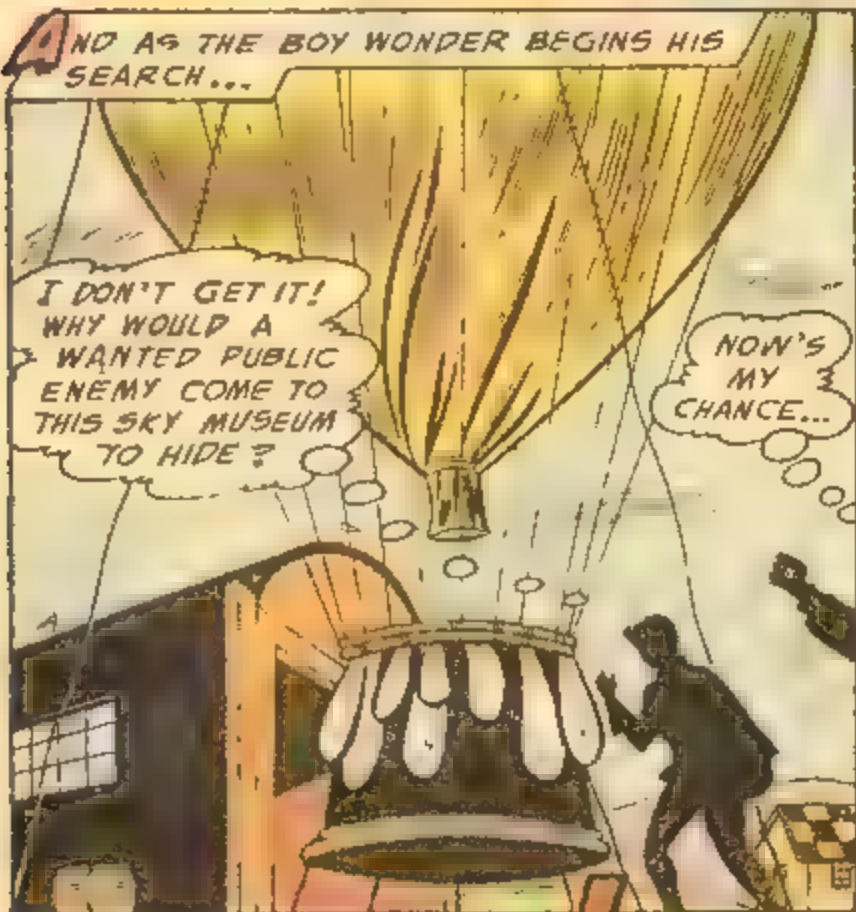
ALL RIGHT-- I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING!



AND AS THE BOY WONDER BEGINS HIS SEARCH...

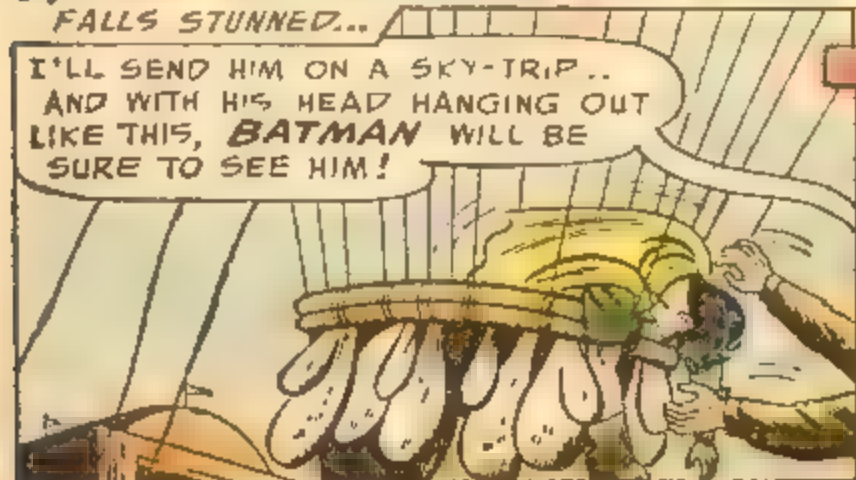
I DON'T GET IT! WHY WOULD A WANTED PUBLIC ENEMY COME TO THIS SKY MUSEUM TO HIDE?

NOW'S MY CHANCE...



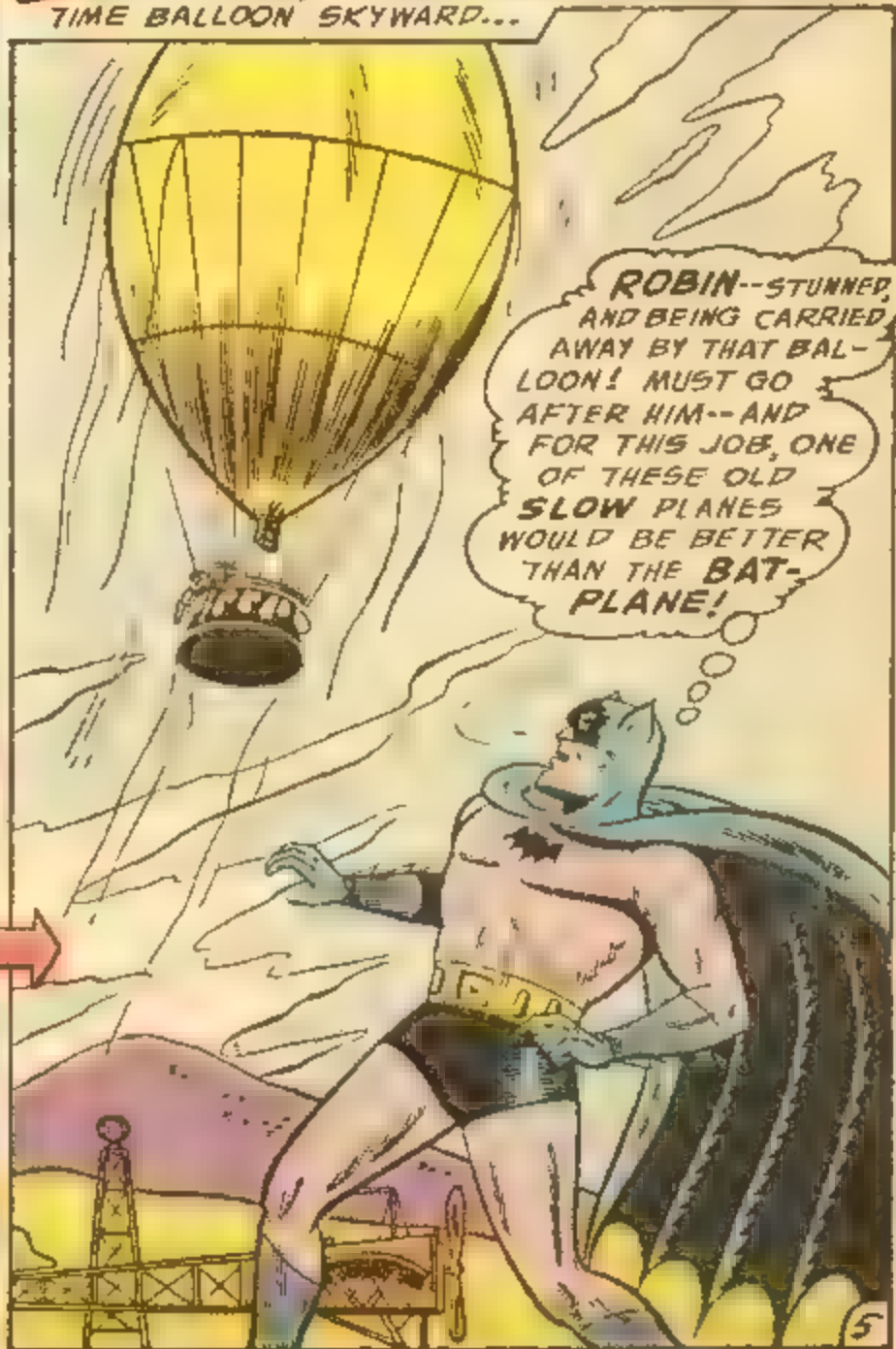
A HIDDEN ASSAILANT STRIKES--AND ROBIN FALLS STUNNED...

I'LL SEND HIM ON A SKY-TRIP.. AND WITH HIS HEAD HANGING OUT LIKE THIS, **BATMAN** WILL BE SURE TO SEE HIM!



SHORTLY AFTER, A SWIFT WIND CARRIES THE OLD-TIME BALLOON SKYWARD...

ROBIN--STUNNED, AND BEING CARRIED AWAY BY THAT BALLOON! MUST GO AFTER HIM--AND FOR THIS JOB, ONE OF THESE OLD SLOW PLANES WOULD BE BETTER THAN THE BAT-PLANE!

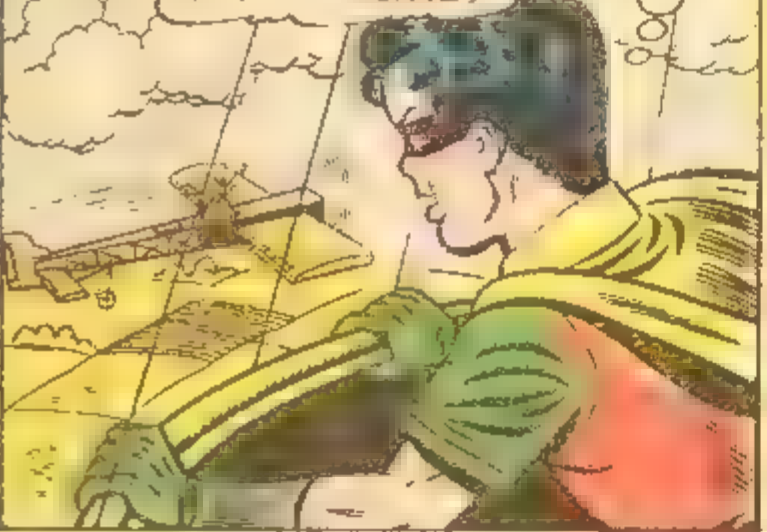


MINUTES LATER, A STRANGE AWAKENING FOR THE BOY WONDER...

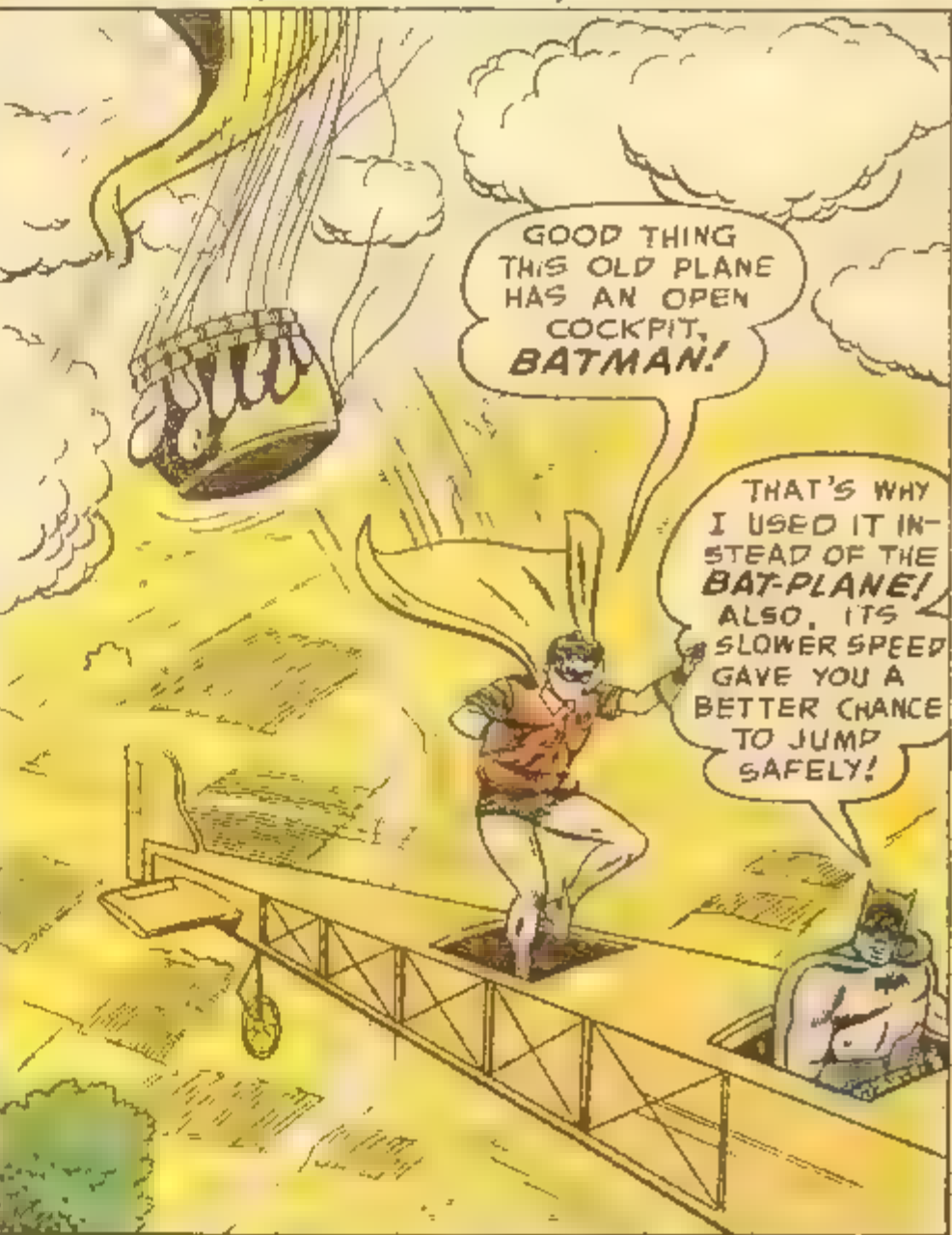
WOW! WHOEVER KNOCKED ME OUT REALLY SENT ME UP! DID HE DO THE SAME THING WITH GOSS? NO! PARACHUTE HERE, SO I CAN'T JUMP!



BUT JUST THEN... BATMAN - AND HE'S SIGNALING SOMETHING! I GET IT... HE WANTS ME TO OPEN THE GAS VALVE, SO THIS BALLOON WILL DESCEND-- AND THEN JUMP INTO HIS PLANE!



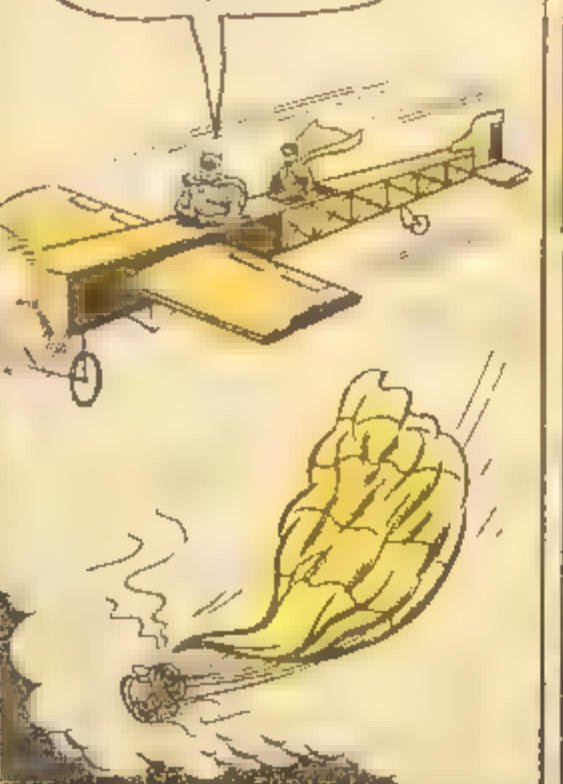
NEXT INSTANT, HIGH IN THE SKY, A BREATHTAKING LEAP.



GOOD THING THIS OLD PLANE HAS AN OPEN COCKPIT, BATMAN!

THAT'S WHY I USED IT INSTEAD OF THE BAT-PLANE! ALSO, ITS SLOWER SPEED GAVE YOU A BETTER CHANCE TO JUMP SAFELY!

THEY LEFT YOU DANGLING OUT OF THE BALLOON SO I'D SEE YOU BEING CARRIED AWAY! THEY **WANTED** ME TO FOLLOW YOU, TO GET ME AWAY FROM THE MUSEUM, BUT THEY DIDN'T FIGURE I'D BRING YOU BACK THIS QUICKLY!



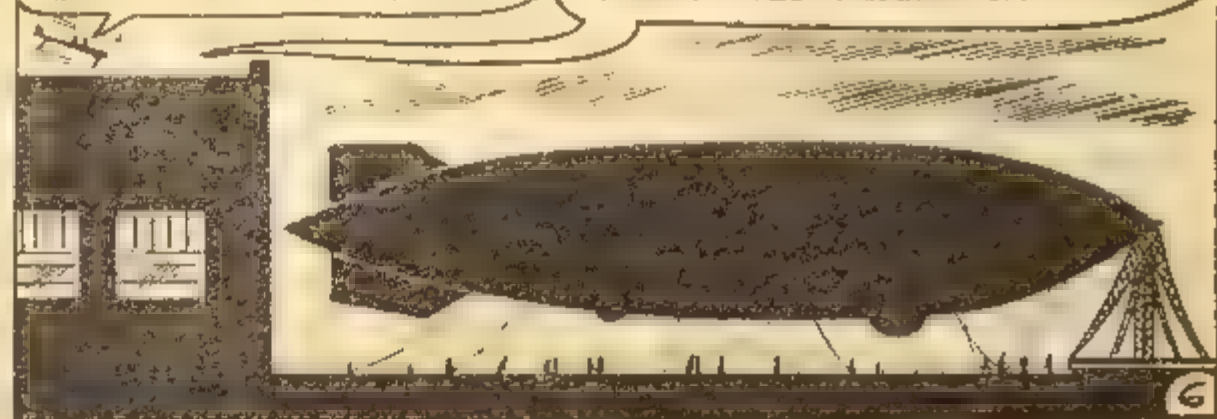
THOSE PUBLIC ENEMIES WHO ESCAPED FROM GOTHAM CITY SO MYSTERIOUSLY... COULD THEY HAVE GOTTEN AWAY THROUGH THESE OLD PLANES? IF SO, SOME OF THE PILOTS HERE MUST HAVE HELPED THEM!



IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKELY, YET... WAIT-- LOOK, **ROBIN!** THE BIG **ZEPPELIN'S** COMING OUT!

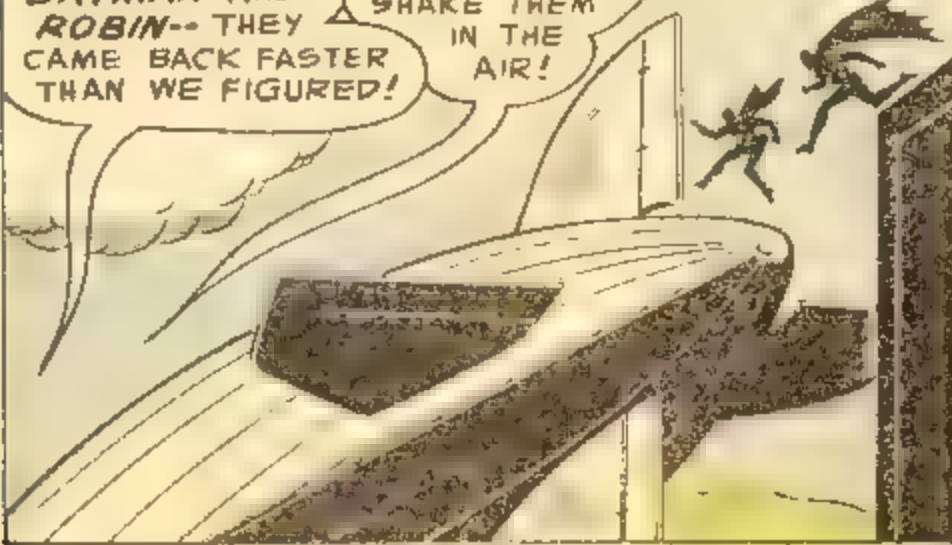
WE CAN'T LAND IN TIME TO CATCH THEM... THEY'LL HAVE TAKEN OFF BY THEN!

BUT WE CAN TAKE A SHORTCUT BY LANDING ON THE HANGAR ROOF! THIS LITTLE PLANE CAN DO IT!



SECONDS LATER...
BATMAN AND
ROBIN-- THEY
CAME BACK FASTER
THAN WE FIGURED!

TAKE OFF AT
ONCE-- WE CAN
SHAKE THEM
IN THE
AIR!



AND AS THE MIGHTY AIRSHIP OF THE PAST
SOARS MAJESTICALLY SKYWARD...

QUICK, ROBIN-- THERE'S ALWAYS A HATCH
LEADING DOWN INSIDE A ZEPPELIN
FROM THE TOP! WE MUST GET TO IT
BEFORE WE'RE TORN OFF!



SOON, INSIDE...

I THOUGHT A
ZEPPELIN
WAS ALL
ONE BIG
GAS BAG!

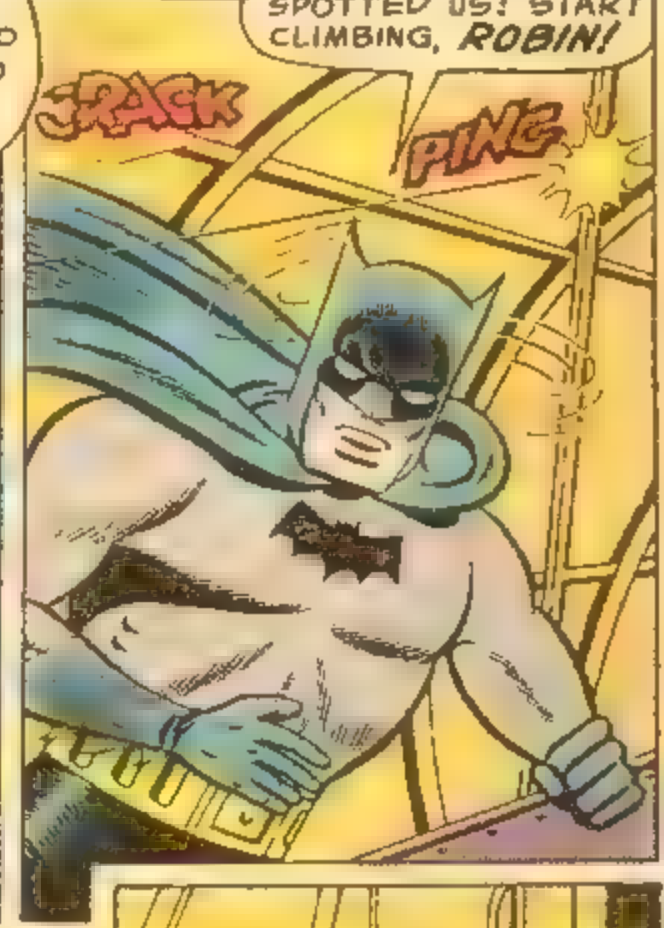
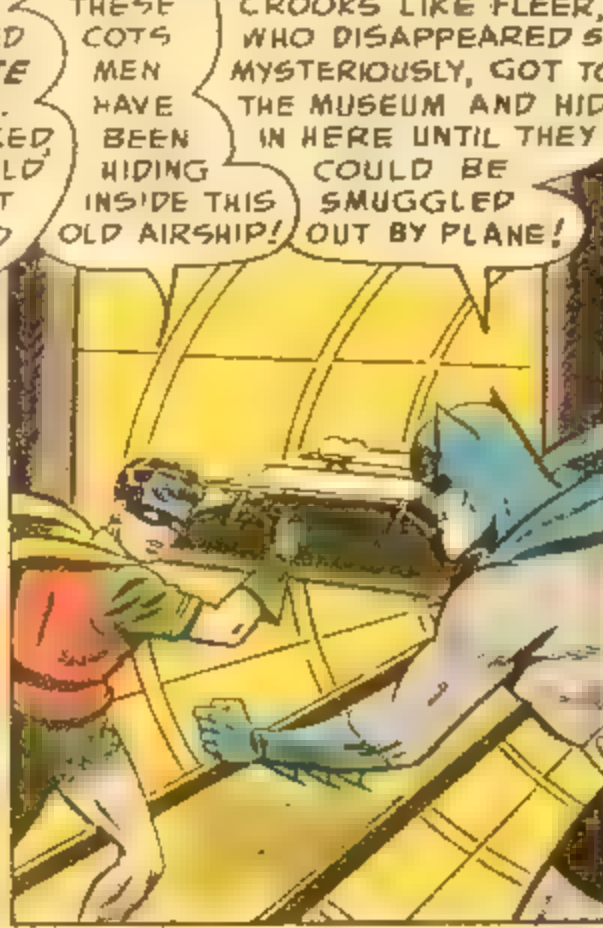
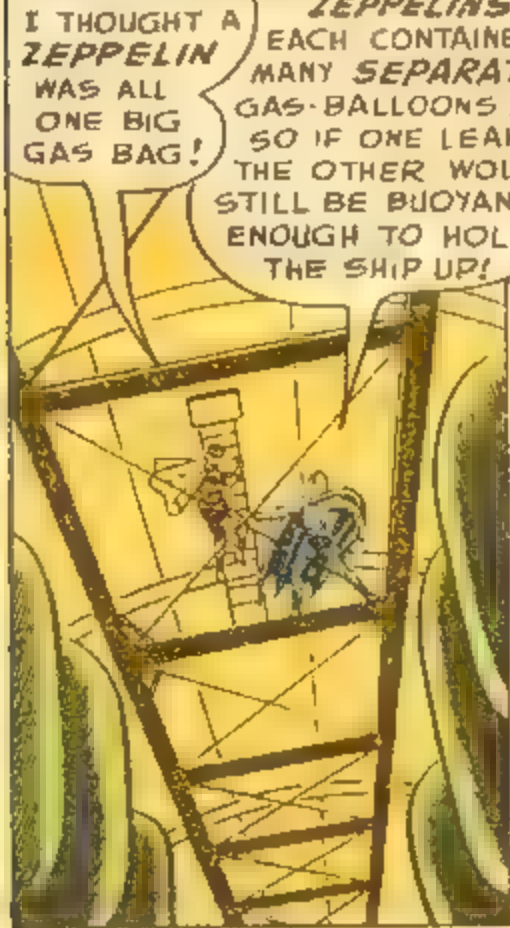
NO, THE OLD
ZEPPELINS
EACH CONTAINED
MANY SEPARATE
GAS-BALLOONS..
SO IF ONE LEAKED,
THE OTHER WOULD
STILL BE BUOYANT
ENOUGH TO HOLD
THE SHIP UP!

LOOK--
THESE
COTS
MEN
HAVE
BEEN
HIDING
INSIDE
THIS
OLD AIRSHIP!

THAT'S THE ANSWER!
CROOKS LIKE FLEER,
WHO DISAPPEARED SO
MYSTERIOUSLY, GOT TO
THE MUSEUM AND HID
IN HERE UNTIL THEY
COULD BE
SMUGGLED
OUT BY PLANE!

ABRUPTLY...

OH, OH... THEY'VE
SPOTTED US! START
CLIMBING, ROBIN!



GUN 'EM DOWN...
NO-- WAIT! OUR
BULLETS MAY START
PUNCTURING TOO
MANY OF THOSE
BALLOONS!

DON'T RISK
THAT... THIS OLD
AIRSHIP IS OUR ONLY
WAY OF ESCAPE
NOW! WE'LL
CLIMB UP AFTER
THEM!

BUT ABOVE THEM, BATMAN ACTS UNEXPECTEDLY...

THIS ESCAPE-EMERGENCY BLADE FROM MY UTILITY-BELT RIPS THE FABRIC EASILY!

LOOK OUT-- THAT GAS BAG IS GOING TO COLLAPSE ON US!

THAT DID IT! THE OTHER GAS-BAGS ARE ENOUGH TO HOLD THE ZEPPELIN UP! BUT WHAT ABOUT THE GAS WE RELEASED?

IT'S LIGHTER-THAN-AIR HELIUM THAT'LL ESCAPE THROUGH THE TOP HATCH! WE'LL TIE UP THESE THUGS, THEN GO FOR OUR REAL RASCAL!

SECONDS LATER...

HUH--? WHERE'D THESE TWO COME FROM?

HERE'S THE REAL RING-LEADER, ROBIN...

JOHN GOSS! THEN HE WASN'T ABDUCTED AT ALL!

NO...AFTER FLEER FAILED TO GET US WITH THAT FLAPPING-WING PLANE, GOSS PRETENDED TO BE ABDUCTED! HE KNOCKED YOU OUT AND MADE SURE I'D FOLLOW YOU, SO THAT HE'D HAVE US BOTH OUT OF THE WAY!

YES, IT'S TRUE-- I CHARGED WANTED PUBLIC ENEMIES TEN GRAND EACH TO HIDE THEM HERE AND THEN SMUGGLE THEM AWAY! THAT'S WHY MALCOLM SENT FOR YOU... HE WAS BEGINNING TO SUSPECT ME!

YOU MADE ONE SLIP--WHEN YOU PRETENDED SOMEONE ATTACKED YOU TO KEEP YOU FROM SEARCHING MALCOLM'S PAPERS! THOSE PAPERS WERE UNTOUCHED... A REAL ASSAILANT WOULD HAVE GONE OVER THEM HIMSELF FOR INCRIMINATING EVIDENCE!

AND SO, SOME DAYS LATER, WITH THE MYSTERY CLEARED, THE MUSEUM OF THE SKY HOLDS ITS GALA PAGEANT...

YOU KNOW, THOSE OLD MACHINES MAY NOT BE JET-POWERED, BUT THERE'S STILL SOMETHING THRILLING ABOUT THEM!

YES, THERE ALWAYS WILL BE--BECAUSE THEY WERE THE REAL PIONEERS OF THE AIR AGE!

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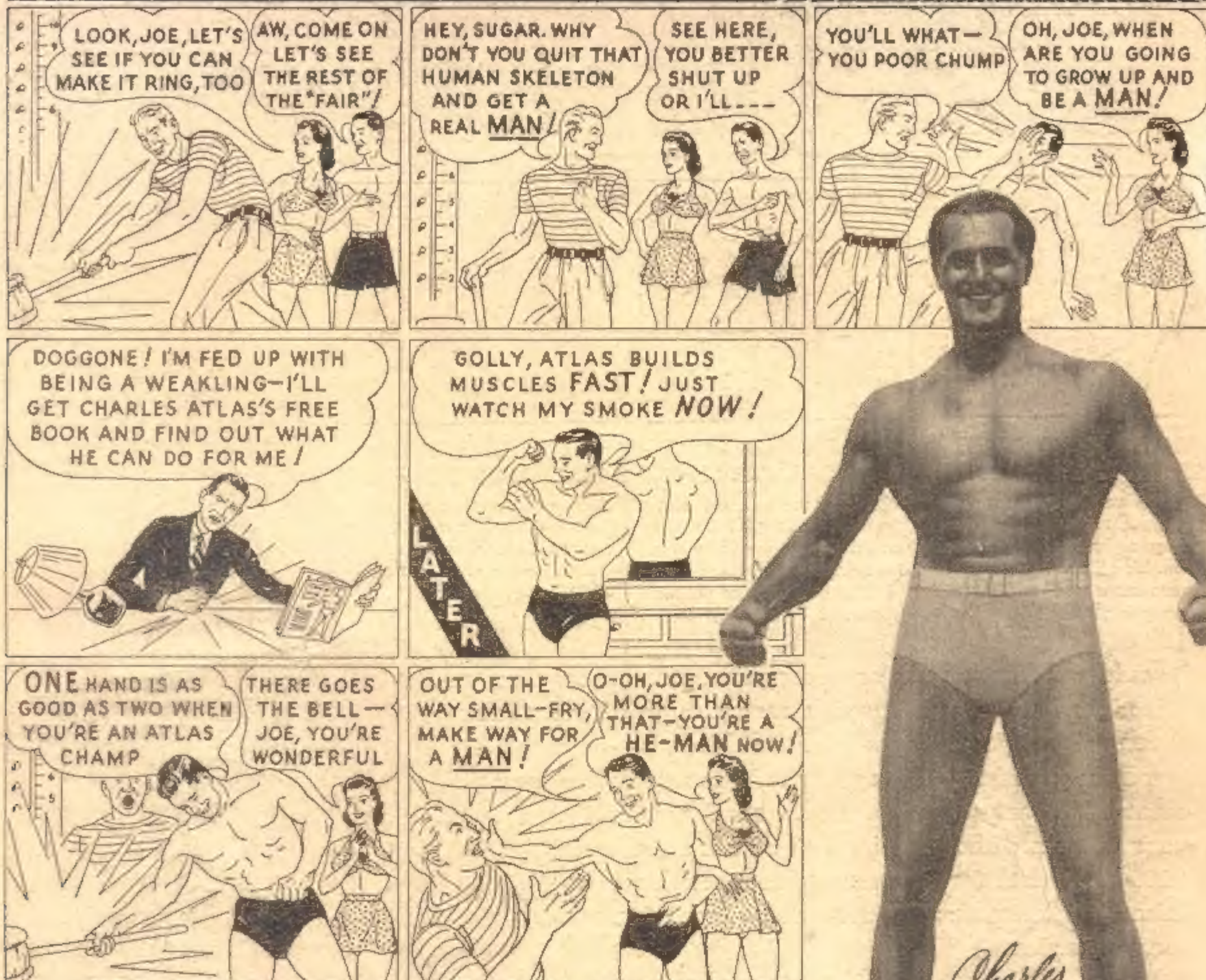
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